

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 24th MAY 2021  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st JUNE 2021**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide the amounts paid in Social Security contributions over the last 6 quarters by people registered as self-employed, broken down by those earning less than the Standard Earnings Monthly Limit (S.E.L.), and by those whose earnings were between the S.E.L. and the Upper Earnings Monthly Limit (U.E.L.)?

**Answer**

These tables relate to Class 2 individuals which includes self-employed individuals plus other people who do not fall into Class 1 (employed).

Note that these figures will have been disrupted by Covid. In Quarters A, B and D of 2020 and A 2021 some categories of Class 2 individuals were allowed to defer their contributions until a later date.

The contributions for the last quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021 in respect of earnings below the SEL will also be affected by the reduction of 2% in contribution rates over this period.

Quarter	Under SEL £ 000's	Between SEL and UEL £ 000's
2019 D	4,407	479
2020 A	3,858	682
2020 B	3,470	649
2020 C	4,605	777
2020 D	3,551	762
2021 A	3,525	798