

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**Question**

Will the Minister inform the Assembly of the following, in reference to the Long-Term Care Scheme –

- a) by what percentage, and by how much in monetary terms, have the different rates of the Long-Term Care, as established through Article 4 of the Long-Term Care (Jersey) Law 2012, increased on an annual basis since 2013;
- b) by how much will the Long-Term Care rates increase in 2023 and on what basis is this increase proposed;
- c) how many claimants are presently in each Long-Term Care rate category; and,
- d) provide detail of the high-level payments into and out, as well as balance, of the Long-Term Care Fund from 2013 to date, including contributions from Treasury?

**Answer**

(a) Benefits started to be paid out of the Long-Term Care Fund (LTCF) in July 2014.

Long-Term Care Rates - Percentage increases since 2014

	1 Jan 2016	1 Apr 2017	1 Jan 2018	1 Jan 2019	1 Jan 2020	1 Jan 2021	1 Jan 2022
Uprate %	1.8%	2.7%	1.5%	1.5%	2.6%	1.1%	3.3%

Long-Term Care Rates – Maximum weekly rates since 2014

Component	2022 Weekly value (£)	2021 Weekly value (£)	2020 Weekly value (£)	2019 Weekly value (£)	2018 Weekly value (£)	2017 weekly value (£)	2016 weekly value	2014/5 Weekly value (£)
Level of standard care: 1	407.82	394.73	390.39	380.45	374.78	369.18	359.52	353.15
Level of standard care: 2	622.16	602.28	595.70	580.58	571.97	563.50	548.80	539.07
Level of standard care: 3	899.36	870.59	861.07	839.23	826.77	814.52	793.31	779.24
Level of standard care: 4	1,130.64	1,094.52	1,082.55	1,055.11	1,039.50	1024.10	997.50	979.86
Weekly costs of living in an approved home	361.20	349.65	345.80	336.98	331.94	326.97	318.43	312.76
Weekly costs of incidental expenses incurred in an approved home	39.55	38.22	37.80	36.82	36.26	35.70	34.72	34.09

N.B. The weekly values shown above are the maximum amount that may be paid to an individual, the actual amount paid may be less, as payment reflects the actual cost of care.

b) The uprate(s) for 2023 have not been agreed yet.

c) Long-Term Care claimants at each care level:

Care Level	No. of claimants as at June 2022
Level 1	240
Level 2	400
Level 3	350
Level 4	620

d) The high-level income and expenditure of the LTCF from 2013 to date is detailed below:

**2013 – 2021 figures were published in the Annual Report and Accounts as part of the Social Security Funds Statement of Comprehensive Net Expenditure.**

	£'000								
Description	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
States grant to Fund	(11,700)	(18,155)	(27,981)	(34,321)	(31,795)	(28,706)	(28,879)	(29,919)	(30,996)
Investment Income	(1)	(77)	(111)	(116)	(79)	78	(457)	(329)	73
LTC Contributions collected by Revenue Jersey	0	0	(8,443)	(18,008)	(19,203)	(20,096)	(21,307)	(35,579)	(32,357)
<b>Total Fund Income</b>	<b>(11,701)</b>	<b>(18,232)</b>	<b>(36,535)</b>	<b>(52,444)</b>	<b>(51,077)</b>	<b>(48,724)</b>	<b>(50,642)</b>	<b>(65,827)</b>	<b>(63,281)</b>
Benefit expenditure	0	16,899	35,993	42,273	44,564	46,969	48,807	53,909	57,399
Other Operating Expenses	0	1,251	1,141	1,370	1,368	1,453	1,162	1,342	1,363
Depreciation - LTC IT software	0	0	0	0	14	25	25	25	25
Impairments	0	0	(1)	0	3	10	15	5	20
<b>Total Fund Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,150</b>	<b>37,134</b>	<b>43,644</b>	<b>45,949</b>	<b>48,457</b>	<b>50,009</b>	<b>55,281</b>	<b>58,807</b>
<b>Annual Surplus</b>	<b>(11,701)</b>	<b>(82)</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>(8,800)</b>	<b>(5,128)</b>	<b>(267)</b>	<b>(633)</b>	<b>(10,546)</b>	<b>(4,474)</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11,783</b>	<b>11,185</b>	<b>19,985</b>	<b>25,110</b>	<b>25,277</b>	<b>26,012</b>	<b>36,557</b>	<b>41,031</b>