

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 11th APRIL 2023  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 18th APRIL 2023**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide a copy of the Terms of Reference for the high-level review of existing benefit areas as outlined in Action MSS P5.1 of the Ministerial Delivery Plans; will she further provide any update on this review, and if not, why not?

**Answer**

Further to answers previously provided on this subject - WQ.75/2023, OQ.30/2023, QWON.21/3/23 and WQ.152/2023 – I can confirm that the high-level review was an internal review. Formal terms of reference were not required and were not prepared. The review has now been completed.

As noted in WQ 152/2023:

“As a consequence of the review, we have identified the need for further detailed work in respect of:

- The impact of relevant quarter rules on local residents with short gaps in contribution record.
- The impact of relevant quarter rules on parents seeking to claim parental benefit for a second child.
- Provision of death grant for still born babies.
- Home carers allowance rules for parent with more than one child with a long-term health condition.
- Income Support rules in respect of critical skills courses and part time work requirements; asset limits across all benefits.
- The level of special payments for funeral costs.

Further areas for detailed review may be added.”

Further areas have now been confirmed as:

- Means tested pensioner benefits – asset and income tests; overall application process.
- Gluten free vouchers – future eligibility criteria.
- Jersey Dental Fitness Scheme – value of benefit.
- Overall cost of proposed changes.

The review does not include areas that are already the subject of separate work, such as the Long-Term Care Scheme and our incapacity benefits.