

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 5th JUNE 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 12th JUNE 2023**

Question

“Will the Minister advise, for each percentage band of Long-Term Incapacity Allowance claimants, how many are currently eligible for the Cold Weather Bonus?”

Answer

The “Cold Weather Bonus” is targeted at pensioners and is not payable to people on Long-Term Incapacity Allowance.

People of working age who have low incomes may, however, be eligible for “cold weather payments” through Income Support. These are paid to Income Support households that include a person who meets the criteria for Personal Care level 3. They are also paid to households which include a child under the age of three or somebody over the age of 65. A household cannot receive the Income Support cold weather payment and the Cold Weather Bonus at the same time.

The Minister is considering the scope of the “Cold Weather Bonus” as part of her High-Level review into benefits.