



Deputy Elaine Millar
Minister for Social Security

BY EMAIL

24th October 2022

Health and Social Security Panel Review of Government Plan 2023-2026

Dear Minister,

As you are aware, the Panel is currently undertaking a review of the Government Plan 2023-2026. We would like to ask a number of initial questions in respect of the additional revenue expenditure programmes, capital projects and States Funds which fall under your remit.

We would be grateful if you could provide a response by **Friday 28th October 2022**.

Additional Revenue Expenditure

Beresford Street Kitchen I-CLS-GP23-001

Customer and Local Services - New Revenue Expenditure Growth							
Allocated or Held		£'000	2023	2024	2025	2026	
in Reserves	Reference	Description	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	
Allocated	I-CLS-GP23-001	Beresford Street Kitchen	200	150	100	50	

1. Please provide a breakdown as to how the funding will be spent.
2. How many people currently access the programmes that Beresford Street Kitchen offers?

Women's Refuge I-CLS-GP23-002

Customer and Local Services - New Revenue Expenditure Growth							
Allocated or Held		£'000	2023	2024	2025	2026	
in Reserves	Reference	Description	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	
I-CLS-GP23-002	Women's Refuge		85	85	85	85	

3. How many people accessed Women's Refuge last year and how many are currently accessing the service this year?
4. Funding for Women's Refuge is being proposed for every year of this Government Plan. How long do you intend to continue funding this provision?

5. What discussions took place with the Women's Refuge regarding the amount of funding required to facilitate the continued provision of shelters suitable for families?
- a) Did Women's Refuge believe this level of funding was sufficient, in light of the increased demand for the service?

Old Persons Living Forum – I-CLS-GP23-003

Customer and Local Services - New Revenue Expenditure Growth						
Allocated or Held	£'000		2023	2024	2025	2026
in Reserves	Reference	Description	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
I-CLS-GP23-003	100 Day Plan	Older Persons Living Forum	25	25	25	25

6. Please provide a breakdown of how you expect the proposed funding to be spent.

100 Day Plan – Period Products I-CLS-GP23-004

Customer and Local Services - New Revenue Expenditure Growth						
Allocated or Held	£'000		2023	2024	2025	2026
in Reserves	Reference	Description	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
I-CLS-GP23-004	100 Days Plan	Period Products	500	400	400	400

7. Please provide a breakdown of how you expect the proposed funding to be spent.

100 Day Plan – Cost of Living Support I-CLS-GP23-005

Customer and Local Services - New Revenue Expenditure Growth						
Allocated or Held	£'000		2023	2024	2025	2026
in Reserves	Reference	Description	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
I-CLS-GP23-005	100 Days Plan	Cost of Living Support	400	-	-	-

8. Please provide a breakdown of the proposed funding for this project.
9. How many families will benefit from this targeted support?

States Funds

Long-Term Care Fund

10. In last year's Government Plan, it was estimated that the balance of the Long-Term Care Fund would be £51,049,000 at the beginning of 2023. Can you please explain why the estimate in this year's Government Plan for 2023 is lower at £46,338,000?

Health Insurance Fund

11. In the Government Plan 2022-2025, it was advised that due to the combination of demographic pressures, funding of Covid-19 related health schemes, the proposed transfers to support the Jersey Care Model and Health Digital Strategy and the funding of the new financially vulnerable access scheme the HIF would be holding £47.5m at the end of 2025 – representing approximately one years' worth of expenditure. Why does this year's Government Plan estimate that at the end of 2025 the fund will have a balance of £75m?
12. Please can you confirm whether the funds that were taken out of the Health Insurance Fund to help pay for Covid-19 has now been repaid back into Fund.
13. Was any consideration given to increasing the rebate from the Health Insurance Fund during discussions of this Government Plan, given the current cost of living crisis, or to any short-term support whilst wider reviews of health care funding are taking place?
14. The Social Security Department used to produce annual reports and statements detailing how the money from the Health Insurance Fund was spent. We believe the latest of these reports was produced in 2017. Please can you provide a breakdown of how the funds from the HIF have been spend each year from 2017?

Social Security Fund

15. Please explain why the estimated opening balance for 2023 is £72,664,000, given that last year's Government Plan estimated that the opening balance in 2023 would stand at £87,761,000.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel