

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2023**

Question

“Will the Minister advise how much of the £73.1 million of Income Support distributed in 2022 was paid in rent component for individuals to –

- (a) Andium Homes;
- (b) tenants of Housing Associations or Trusts; and
- (c) tenants in private sector accommodation;

and will the Minister further provide the corresponding figures requested in (a), (b) and (c) above for each year since the introduction of the Income Support scheme?”

Answer

Details of the allocation of income support costs to accommodation costs are available on the open data site. See [Income Support Statistics - Income Support Annual Expenditure - Accommodation - Government of Jersey Open Data](#)

The following information is taken from the website and is provided from 2012 onwards:

Year	Annual allocated accommodation cost (£000's)		
	Andium (and Housing Dept pre 2014)	Housing Trust Rental	Private Rental
2012	14,570	3,058	8,070
2013	15,064	2,957	9,054
2014	15,323	3,171	10,131
2015	15,995	3,399	10,118
2016	16,460	3,330	9,521
2017	16,612	3,233	8,904
2018	16,795	3,455	9,127
2019	17,088	3,807	9,215
2020	18,701	4,339	11,281
2021	19,066	4,086	9,470
2022	19,203	3,948	7,372

Comparable analysis prior to 2012 is not available.

Accommodation support forms part of total income support regular benefit expenditure. Departmental records show a total annual income support expenditure for 2022 of £69.4M, rather than the £73.1 million quoted in the question. This figure does not include other areas of income support expenditure such as special payments.

To allocate benefit costs across different income support components, a detailed analysis is undertaken as explained on the open data website, and copied below for information

The value of Income Support paid to a particular household depends not only on the mix of components that it is entitled to, but also on the other income received by the household. It is therefore not straightforward to report on the value of each component in the total expenditure for Income Support. However, to enable an analysis of the estimated total costs by component, a method of allocating costs within the various components has been developed. This method divides the actual Income Support benefit received by a household in proportion to the gross value of each of the components that the household is eligible for, to allocate a specific net value to each of the components. The mix of Income Support claims changes over time and the values of some components can change during the year. This analysis includes data taken from each month of **the year to ensure that trends in the take-up of Income Support and rate changes during the year are represented, and provides approximate net values for the cost of each component group.**