

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT INCOME SUPPORT (SPECIAL PAYMENTS) (CHILD PERSONAL CARE) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 201- (P.90/2014): AMENDMENT (P.90/2014 Amd.) – COMMENTS**

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by the Minister for Treasury and Resources**

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## COMMENTS

The Minister for Treasury and Resources is informed by the Minister for Social Security that the estimated additional cost of Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier's amendment could be in the order of £750,000 per annum.

Whilst the Medium Term Financial Plan currently provides funding for Income Support in excess of what is actually being spent, the Social Security Department has already committed to contributing underspends estimated at £9 million in 2014 and £6.4 million in 2015 to the Long-Term Care Fund in order to be able to make payments in advance of that Fund being self-financing through contributions. Adoption of Deputy Martin's amendment would mean that the Social Security Department would be required to contribute this funding through a reduction of £750,000 in other existing tax-funded benefits. Examples of the costs of these existing benefits are –

- Christmas Bonus – £1,500,000
- Food Costs Bonus – £300,0000
- Cold Weather Bonus – £300,000

Whether Deputy Martin's amendment is acceptable from a social and political perspective is a matter for the Minister for Social Security.