

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 30th OCTOBER 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2023**

Question

“Will the Minister state the current daily allowance for food for those undertaking off-Island treatment for cancer and other conditions and advise when the daily allowance was last updated?”

Answer

The current policy on food for off island treatment is within the Travel policy at para 3.7. as follows:

When staying in hospital-based accommodation, food/meals would normally be provided for the patient. Where this is not the case, HCS does not pay for food/meals. Where an eligible patient is required to stay in the UK for seven or more consecutive nights outside of a hospital environment whilst undergoing a continuation of clinical care and treatment, HCS will make a contribution of £10 per night towards the general living expenses of the patient (i.e. where patients are expected to buy their own food and it is not provided as part of their accommodation). This is reimbursed via an expenses claim once the patient has returned to Jersey. HCS does not hold any cash and does not have the capacity to pay expenses in advance.

The allowance was last ratified with the policy in October 2020.

Several charities provide further subsistence allowance to patients when receiving off-island treatment. These allowances are dependent on the patient and the relevant charity.