

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2009**

Question

Will the Minister give members further information on the impact of the withdrawal of transition payments on Income Support levels on families, especially on the accommodation component (the replacement for rent rebate/abatement) following the refusal of the Minister for Housing to do so when asked on 30th June this year?

Answer

Following an oral question from Deputy de Sousa to the Minister for Housing on the now-defunct rent rebate scheme on 30th June, Deputy Southern requested information from the Minister for Housing on the Income Support system. As the Minister for Housing has no responsibility for Income Support, he was unable to provide that information.

Detailed information on protected (transitional) payments was provided to Deputy Southern on 16th June in the answer to written question 4590. Since that time, I can now confirm that protected payments will remain in force at their current rate of 100% until 30th September 2010, following the approval by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, of the Economic Stimulus bid made earlier this year.

The accommodation component is an element of the Income Support system and the phased removal of protected payments will have no impact on the entitlement of families to the accommodation component.