

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2020**

Question

In respect of the Covid Related Emergency Support Scheme, will the Minister –

- (a) provide an estimate of the number of workers who are now unemployed, who have been resident in the Island for less than 5 years, and who are therefore eligible for this benefit;
- (b) state how many people have applied for this scheme;
- (c) state how many of those considered eligible are estimated to be in some form of tied accommodation linked to the job they have lost; and
- (d) advise how much it is estimated will be spent through the scheme to alleviate hardship?

Answer

- (a) The potential number of applicants to the Covid Related Emergency Support Scheme (CRESS) has been estimated taking into account the likely maximum take-up of the Payroll Co-Funding Scheme. The funding for CRESS is based on an estimate of 400 claimants.
- (b) 237 people have applied for CRESS.
- (c) This information is not collected as part of the application process.
- (d) A one-off budget of £710,000 has been allocated to the scheme.