

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th JULY 2008

Question

Will the Minister agree to release the raw anonymised data to the Income Support scrutiny panel to enable further analysis to be undertaken to assess the impact of Income Support on the delivery of benefits to recipients, particularly in terms of After Housing Costs disposable incomes?

Answer

The analysis of raw Income Support data is a specialist task requiring detailed knowledge of the architecture of the data base and the rules surrounding the storage of data.

If the Scrutiny sub panel wish to appoint a specialist advisor to undertake this work, the department will make available the necessary anonymised raw data files.