

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2018**

**Question**

Given that, under the Income Support rules, a household is able to claim support for childcare for their children, will the Minister advise how much is currently spent via this particular component and what number of people currently claim such funding?

**Answer**

In 2017, a total of 453 Income Support claims received a childcare component for some or all of the year. The total cost of paying these components was £1,430,000. This figure is calculated by considering the additional value of the claim due to the presence of the childcare component. It does not reflect the overall value of the Income Support claim which will vary depending on the level of other income the household receives.