

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2013**

Question

Will the Minister confirm that R&O.75/2012 reduced the sum payable for a child with severe disability, who was in receipt of Attendance Allowance prior to 2008, to 60% of the original award as of 1st July 2012?

Answer

I can confirm that R&O.75/2012 did **not** reduce the sum payable for a child with a severe disability who was in receipt of Attendance Allowance prior to the introduction of the Income Support scheme in January 2008.

In April 2011 the previous Minister for Social Security amended the Income Support Transitional Order to create a separate category of transitional protection in respect of families that included a child previously receiving Attendance Allowance.

I reviewed this position in June 2012 and further amended the Transitional Order so that 100% protection continues to be available to these families, regardless of the income of the household, and continues until each child reaches compulsory school leaving age and are eligible to make a claim to Income Support in their own right.

In early 2014 I will be lodging proposals to formalise the ongoing support that is available to a child below compulsory school leaving age who has a severe disability.