

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2005**

**Question**

Would the President advise members whether the proposed Low Income Support scheme includes any provision for un-employment benefit which is not currently available and, if so, give details as to whom this applies and in what circumstances?

**Answer**

The Low Income Support Scheme does not include a provision for un-employment benefit nor does it contain a special component for unemployment. However the scheme will need to support people with low incomes who are in work or out of work. Therefore the system will contain provisions that require people to work, or actively seek work, if they are able. There will be provisions setting out genuine reasons why payments can be made to those who cannot work, for example disability.

The issue of a contributory un-employment benefit was laid out in R.C. 49, presented to the States on 2nd November 2004, which will form part of the on-going review of the Social Insurance system in 2006.