

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14TH JUNE 2016**

**Question**

Could the Minister provide a breakdown of how many people residing outside Jersey received Long Term Incapacity Allowance in each year from 2010 to 2015; in which countries such people resided and what nationalities such people were; how long such people (a) contributed to the social security system in Jersey before receiving this benefit and (b) have been receiving this benefit; what percentage award such people receive and what the value of the benefit is to each recipient; and how often such people are assessed in Jersey in relation to receipt of this benefit?

**Answer**

Long Term Incapacity Allowance (LTIA) can be paid outside Jersey for up to 13 weeks following a successful claim in Jersey, or for longer if there is a reciprocal agreement in place with the other country. There is provision within the reciprocal agreement legislation for the country of residence to arrange a medical board when a review is due. The doctor will complete the medical report which is then returned to Jersey for assessment. There is no necessity for the person to return to Jersey for a medical review unless they prefer to be seen by a local medical board. In general the length of review will depend on the nature of the incapacity. These overseas claimants have an average contribution record of 12 years before claiming LTIA.

The table below indicates the number of open (LTIA) claims at the end of each year that were claimed by people who do not live in Jersey. It is broken down by year and country of residence – countries with less than 9 claims have been grouped together to avoid the possibility of identifying a specific individual.

**Number of LTIA claims for people residing outside Jersey**

Country of Residence	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
United Kingdom	157	166	168	166	166	175
Portugal	81	88	95	101	100	103
France	17	17	14	15	13	15
Irish Republic	11	10	10	10	9	10
Other countries with less than 9 claims	32	31	34	30	25	30

The number of LTIA claims being claimed by people residing outside Jersey is increasing at a slightly slower rate than the overall number of LTIA claims. This means that the proportion of claimants residing outside Jersey has shown a very slight decline.

**Overall proportion of LTIA claimants residing outside Jersey**

Country of Residence	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Proportion of claimants residing outside Jersey	9%	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%

The average LTIA percentage award for these claims is broadly in line with the average for all LTIA claims.

#### Average LTIA Percentage Award

Country of Residence	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015 value
United Kingdom	33%	33%	34%	35%	36%	36%	£72.00
Portugal	38%	39%	38%	38%	38%	37%	£74.00
France	31%	29%	33%	31%	33%	34%	£68.00
Irish Republic	48%	52%	52%	52%	39%	47%	£94.00
Other countries with less than 9 claims	26%	27%	30%	28%	27%	31%	£62.00
<b>Average for all LTIA claims</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>36%</b>	£72.00

The current standard rate of benefit (100%) is £199.99 per week.

These claimants have an average contribution record of 12 years before claiming LTIA.

#### Average years of contributions/credits received before claim started for those residing outside Jersey

Country of Residence	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
United Kingdom	12	12	12	12	12	12
Portugal	11	11	11	11	11	11
France	14	14	12	13	14	16
Irish Republic	15	15	15	15	14	13
Other countries with less than 9 claims	14	13	13	14	14	12

The table below shows the breakdown by nationality of those claims that are being claimed by people not residing in Jersey.

#### Breakdown by nationality

Nationality	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
British	166	174	173	172	171	187
Portuguese	85	92	98	104	102	105
Irish	14	13	12	12	11	12
Other/unknown nationalities	33	33	38	34	29	29