

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 15th MARCH 2021**

Question

Will the Minister (in consultation with the Minister for Social Security, if necessary) provide a breakdown of the following information for each of the last 5 years -

- (a) the amount that Andium Homes has provided to the Treasury as their financial return;
- (b) the amount that the Income Support budget has been topped up by Supplementation;
- (c) the amount paid directly by the Government, in respect of rental payments for their tenants, to Andium Homes; and
- (d) the amount paid in Income Support in respect of the rental component of private sector tenancies?

Answer

a) Andium Homes has paid the following sums to the Treasury as part of the agreed annual return:-

2016	£27.728 million
2017	£28.214 million
2018	£28.739 million
2019	£29.673 million
2020	£30.474 million

(b) The Income Support budget is provided as part of the Customer and Local Services departmental budget. It is not “topped up by supplementation”.

(c) and (d)

As the value of Income Support paid to a particular household depends not only on the mix of components that it is entitled to, but also on the other income received by the household, it is not straightforward to report on the value of a specific component in respect of overall Income Support costs. However, to enable an estimate of different types of cost to be made, a method of allocating costs within the various components is used. This method divides the actual Income Support benefit received by a household in proportion to the gross value of each of the components that the household is eligible for, to allocate a specific net value to each of the components. The table provides approximate net values for the cost of rental support to Andium tenants and private sector tenants.

Approximate annual proportional expenditure on accommodation £000	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Andium Homes Rental	15,995	16,460	16,612	16,795	17,088	18,701
Private Rental	10,118	9,521	8,904	9,127	9,215	11,281