

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN
OF ST. HELIER**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2008

Question

Will the Minister state what progress, if any, has been made towards a scheme that will agree a simple mechanism to identify those on Income Support who need additional financial support for the cost of X rays or other scans requested by their GP?

Answer

It should be noted that charges are only made for x-rays and other scans if the patient is referred from their GP. In most cases, patients will be under the care of a consultant in which case there is no charge.

The Health and Social Services Department is continuing to provide subsidised rates for x-rays and other scans requested by GPs to individuals holding existing HIE cards. The Health and Social Services department is currently undertaking a review of these services before any new system is introduced.