

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

**Question**

Given the potential increase in the period required to claim a States pension and the reduction in the time required to qualify for Long-Term Incapacity Allowance from 12 months to 6 months, will the Minister provide details of the economic arguments which were considered and underpin each of these changes?

**Answer**

The question refers to “potential” policy changes. At this stage, there are no definite plans under consideration in either area. It is anticipated that the next Social Security Minister will take full account of economic and other arguments as part of the development of any future policy proposals.