

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020**

Question

Will the Minister commit to provide a comparison of Jersey's Income Support benefit with the U.K.'s Universal Credit scheme, including how in each case the benefits that existed prior to each scheme's introduction were rolled into the single benefit when it was created, and highlighting how each scheme works (including exemplars) for claimants of working age, both in and out of work and those with and without children; pensioners; and people with a disability?

Answer

No, I cannot give such a commitment.

Officers across government are developing and delivering a wide range of projects under the agreed strategic priority of "We will reduce income inequality and improve the standard of living by improving the quality and affordability of housing, improving social inclusion, and by removing barriers to and at work." Resources were agreed in the Government Plan to deliver these projects and this is my current priority.