

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2022**

Question

“Will the Minister provide figures to demonstrate how the both the minimum wage and the components of Income Support have performed over the past decade compared with R.P.I. (Retail Prices Index) and A.E.I. (Average Earnings Increases)?”

Answer

Income support rates, minimum wage rates, retail price index and average earning index values are all publicly available.

Note that the Income Support scheme is based on a combination of eligibility criteria, components and disregards, ensuring that each household claim takes full account of the size and nature of the household and its income and other assets. In addition to component changes there have been a range of other changes to the Income Support scheme over the last decade.

The table below shows annual RPI and AEI indices for the last 10 years. June figures are used for consistency. In addition, the minimum wage at the beginning of each year is shown from 2012 to 2021. A list of all component rates at the start of each year is also shown together with the earnings disregard in force at the beginning of each year.

Component rates are shown as £ per week, with the exception of childcare rates which are £ per hour. There are a range of minimum wage rates – only the main rate is included in the table.

Housing rental caps private are maximum values paid. Note that since April 2014 these caps have not applied to social rental tenants and social sector rental components are now uncapped.

The statistics show that the minimum wage rate has increased twice as fast as average wages over the last decade. In 2012 the minimum wage rate was £6.32 per hour. Today it stands at £9.22 an hour, an increase of 46% over 10 years, compared to a 24% rise in average earnings and a 21% rise in RPI.

There have been many changes to the income support scheme over the period covered. The disregard applied to earned income has increased from 16.5% to 26% over the last 10 years.

In terms of income support components, the increase in support for families with the component allocated to the first child in an income support family has risen from £63.98 in 2012 to £83.02 today. This is an increase of 30% over the last 10 years.

Category	Component (as at 1/1)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
RPI (June)		153.3	155.6	158.1	159.6	162.0	166.1	173.5	178.4	179.3	185.5	
AEI (June)		271.4	277.4	284.5	289.7	295.8	303.4	314.0	322.3	325.8	336.5	
Minimum wage (as at 1/1) (£ per hour)		6.32	6.48	6.53	6.63	6.78	6.97	7.18	7.50	8.02	8.32	9.22
Earned income		16.5%	16.5%	16.5%	20%	23%	23%	25%	25%	26%	26%	26%

Category	Component (as at 1/1)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
disregard (as at 1/1)												
Basic Rates	Adult	92.12	92.12	92.12	92.12	92.12	92.12	94.85	97.72	99.61	99.61	100.73
Basic Rates	Single Parent	132.51	132.51	132.51	132.51	122.43	112.35	105.00	138.11	140.00	140.00	141.12
Basic Rates	First Child	63.98	63.98	63.98	63.98	63.98	63.98	65.87	72.94	77.98	77.98	83.02
Basic Rates	Subsequent Child								67.90	69.23	69.23	70.00
Basic Rates	Household	49.56	51.31	51.31	51.31	51.31	51.31	52.85	54.46	55.51	55.51	56.14
Carer Rate	Carer	46.97	46.97	46.97	46.97	46.97	46.97	48.37	49.84	50.82	50.82	51.38
Housing Rental Caps	Hostel	76.30	78.96	80.64	80.64	95.13	100.10	103.04	106.19	108.22	108.22	109.48
Housing Rental Caps	Lodgings	109.41	113.26	115.71	125.30	125.30	131.88	135.73	139.86	142.52	142.52	144.13
Housing Rental Caps	Rented Bedsit	109.41	113.26	115.71	125.30	125.30	131.88	135.73	139.86	142.52	142.52	144.13
Housing Rental Caps	Rented 1 Bed Flat	156.31	161.77	165.27	181.30	181.30	194.46	200.13	206.15	210.07	210.07	212.45
Housing Rental Caps	Rented 2 Bed Flat	196.63	203.49	207.90	235.48	235.48	248.99	256.27	263.97	269.01	269.01	272.02
Housing Rental Caps	Rented 3 Bed Flat	223.37	231.21	236.18	242.20	242.20	267.26	275.03	283.29	288.68	288.68	291.90
Housing Rental Caps	Rented 1 Bed House	177.59	183.82	187.74	208.88	208.88	222.88	229.39	236.32	240.87	240.87	245.53
Housing Rental Caps	Rented 2 Bed House	231.28	239.40	244.58	273.56	273.56	283.01	291.27	300.02	305.76	305.76	309.19
Housing Rental Caps	Rented 3 Bed House	258.02	267.05	272.79	324.24	324.24	330.54	340.13	350.35	357.07	357.07	361.06
Housing Rental Caps	Rented 4 Bed House	279.16	288.96	295.19	341.25	341.25	360.29	370.79	381.92	389.20	389.20	393.54
Housing Rental Caps	Rented 5 Bed House	303.73	314.37	321.16	387.87	387.87	398.86	410.48	422.80	430.85	430.85	435.61
Housing Owner Occupied Rates	Owner Occupied Bedsit	5.67	5.88	6.02	6.02	6.02	6.37	6.58	6.79	6.93	6.93	7.07
Housing Owner Occupied Rates	Owner Occupied 1 Bed Flat	5.67	5.88	6.02	6.02	6.02	6.37	6.58	6.79	6.93	6.93	7.07
Housing Owner Occupied Rates	Owner Occupied 2 Bed Flat	5.67	5.88	6.02	6.02	6.02	6.37	6.58	6.79	6.93	6.93	7.07
Housing Owner Occupied Rates	Owner Occupied 3 Bed Flat	8.05	8.33	8.54	8.54	8.54	9.03	9.31	9.59	9.80	9.80	9.94
Housing Owner Occupied Rates	Owner Occupied 4 Bed Flat	11.41	11.83	12.11	12.11	12.11	12.74	13.16	13.58	13.86	13.86	14.07
Housing Owner Occupied Rates	Owner Occupied 1 Bed House	5.67	5.88	6.02	6.02	6.02	6.37	6.58	6.79	6.93	6.93	7.07
Housing Owner Occupied Rates	Owner Occupied 2 Bed House	8.05	8.33	8.54	8.54	8.54	9.03	9.31	9.59	9.80	9.80	9.94
Housing Owner Occupied Rates	Owner Occupied 3 Bed House	11.41	11.83	12.11	12.11	12.11	12.74	13.16	13.58	13.86	13.86	14.07
Impairment Rates	Personal Care Level 1	22.96	22.96	22.96	22.96	22.96	22.96	23.66	24.43	24.92	24.92	25.20
Impairment Rates	Personal Care Level 2	101.15	101.15	101.15	101.15	101.15	101.15	104.09	107.24	109.34	109.34	110.60

Category	Component (as at 1/1)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Impairment Rates	Personal Care Level 3	145.25	145.25	145.25	145.25	145.25	145.25	149.52	154.07	157.01	157.01	158.76
Impairment Rates	Mobility Level 1	22.96	22.26	22.96	22.96	22.96	22.96	23.66	24.43	24.92	24.92	25.20
Impairment Rates	Mobility Level 2	45.92	45.92	45.92	45.92	45.92	45.92	47.32	48.79	49.77	49.77	50.33
Impairment Rates	Clinical Costs Level 1	3.01	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.15	3.29	3.43	3.50	3.50	3.57
Impairment Rates	Clinical Costs Level 2	6.02	6.30	6.30	6.30	6.30	6.30	6.58	6.86	7.00	7.00	7.14
Childcare Hourly rate	Child Day Care Age 0 - 2	6.12	6.27	6.27	6.27	6.48	6.59	6.79	7.00	7.14	7.14	8.00
Childcare Hourly rate	Child Day Care Age 3 - 4	4.78	4.90	4.90	4.90	5.06	5.15	5.30	5.46	5.57	5.57	6.70
Childcare Hourly rate	Child Day Care Age 5 - 11	4.73	4.85	4.85	4.85	5.06	5.15	5.30	5.46	5.57	5.57	6.70