

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST HELIER CENTRIAL
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2023**

Question

“Will the Minister advise the amount of underspend from the Social Security Department that has been returned to Central Government funds since 2020, if any, broken down by year; and will she advise what the estimated underspend is expected to be this year?”

Answer

Departmental underspends are reported in the annual Report and Accounts published each year.

These reports show:

2020	£1,648,000
2021	£1,851,000
2022	£2,889,000

The latest forecast (as at the end of September) for the year end 2023 is an estimated overspend of £1,520,000. The department is working with Treasury to resolve the position prior to year end.