

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2022**

**Question**

“Will the Minister advise how many times, if any, she has directly exercised discretionary powers with regard to Income Support claims and overpayment schedules since May 2018?”

**Answer**

Number of Ministerial Decisions regarding Income Support Discretionary Payments:

May 2018-December 2018	18
January 2019-December 2019	32
January 2020-December 2020	24
January 2021-December 2021	25
January 2022-April 2022*	12

\* As of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Notes –**

Some Ministerial Decisions relate to repatriations or are for individuals who are not eligible for Income Support and therefore not all MDs are related to Income Support claims.

The above numbers relate to the number of individual Ministerial Decisions and not the number of individuals (i.e. there may be multiple Ministerial Decisions signed for one individual).

Income Support discretionary payments are only provided where the need for support sits outside normal Income Support rules. Income Support discretionary payments are not used to make payments to Income Support claimants who have received an additional sum on top of their legal entitlement and are now subject to a repayment schedule to return those monies to the taxpayer.