

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR
SOCIAL SECURITY BY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2009**

Question

“What proportion of persons in receipt of Long Term Invalidation Allowance have (annually since 2004) returned to full time work?

What programmes, if any, are in place to encourage a ‘return to work’?”

Answer

Long Term Incapacity Allowance (LTIA) replaced Invalidation Benefit and Disablement Benefit in October 2004.

Some individuals claiming LTIA will remain in employment throughout their period of incapacity. Others will have a degree of disability that renders the possibility of paid work very unlikely. A proportion will have left employment and will subsequently seek to return to employment.

The Department maintains records of employed earnings, rather than the number of hours worked. Annual statistics since the beginning of 2005 confirm the following proportion of individuals with earnings recorded in the year:

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008
Proportion of adults receiving LTIA with earnings recorded	42%	40%	41%	38%

Before the introduction of LTIA, individuals receiving Invalidation Benefit were only allowed very restricted earnings under the Therapeutic Work Scheme.

Anyone, whether receiving LTIA or not, who is seeking to return to work can access the services available in the Work Zone of the Department. An assessment will be made of an individual’s needs by a Work Zone Adviser and a development plan agreed upon. Furthermore, the Adviser will assess the need for the person to be referred to another agency such as Workwise or Careers Jersey.

Typically, clients will access confidence building courses, obtain assistance with CV preparation, undertake mock interviews to gain confidence and obtain work experience.

Social Security now works very closely with Careers Jersey and clients may also be referred to Careers Jersey for assistance with computer skills through their learning area and long term development programmes.