

21.11.23

12 Deputy R.J. Ward of the Minister for Social Security regarding disregard on earnings and social security claims (OQ.234/2021):

Will the Minister state the maximum and minimum time it takes for the effect of a disregard on earnings to be added to a social security claim?

Deputy J.A. Martin (The Minister for Social Security):

The income support system includes a disregard against earned income. Disregard is part of the overall benefit calculation and takes effect automatically and instantly from the same date as the earning themselves are recorded on the claim.

4.12.1 Deputy R.J. Ward:

When the Minister says “recorded on the claim”, is that when the person working informs the department? Is there ever a delay in between the information being given to the department and the application of the disregard?

Deputy J.A. Martin:

I am informed that as soon as the individual has informed the department, it is put on to the computer. As soon as the earnings ... it might be a slight delay that the person does not earn until the end of the month, as soon as their earnings ... the disregard is allowed.