

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2014**

Question

“Could the Minister advise what the difference will be between the current fair rent levels his department currently uses for Income Support recipients and what these will be once the Housing Department’s new rental policy comes into effect on 1st April 2014?”

Answer

The revised Income Support Regulations lodged as P.1/2014 allow for the changes to the Income Support accommodation component that are required as part of the Housing Transformation Project. The need for these changes was approved by the States on 16th May 2013 as P.33/2013 “The Reform of Social Housing”, and were set out in more detail in report R.15/2013: “States of Jersey Housing Transformation Programme: Full Business Case”.

Specific detail about the proposed changes to Income Support is provided in the report that accompanies P.1/2014, which details in full the Department’s proposed changes from the current “fair rent” levels. The report was lodged on 6th January 2014 and is available for download from the States Assembly website at the following address:

<http://www.statesassembly.gov.je/AssemblyPropositions/2014/P.001-2014.pdf>