

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister state whether it is her assessment that the level of the old age pension has led to any people in receipt of the pension deciding to leave Jersey?”

Answer

The Jersey old age pension is paid at the same value whether the pensioner lives in Jersey or elsewhere.

There are no statistics which link the level of the old age pension to the decision that individuals take to leave Jersey and so it is not possible to make an assessment of any correlation.

Statistics Jersey do publish population estimates which include migration breakdowns by age. For example, these show that in 2023 the over 64 population had the lowest rates of both emigration and immigration across different age groups.

The [report](#) explains:

“The working age (16- to 64-year-old) group had the highest rates of immigration and emigration per 1,000 people. In 2023, for every 1,000 working age people, 54 immigrated in the year, and 47 emigrated in the year.

The next highest rates were among the under 16 population. In 2023, per 1,000 people under 16 years old, 23 immigrated in the year, and 22 emigrated in the year.

The lowest rates were among the over 64 population. In 2023, per 1,000 people over 64 years old, nine immigrated in the year, and 11 emigrated in the year.”