

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
BY DEPUTY S. PITMAN OF ST. HELIER  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th APRIL 2010**

**Question**

“Notwithstanding the response to question 5240 from Deputy Southern tabled on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 does the Minister not accept that a successful applicant for impairment components of Income Support and in receipt of transitional protection will see some of their impairment component (designed to provide financial assistance for the additional costs of their impairment) withdrawn through a reduction in transitional protection and, if so, will the Minister undertake to review this situation with some urgency?”

**Answer**

I do not accept the interpretation set out in the question. Transition protection exists to compensate households for differences between Income Support (IS) entitlement and previous benefit entitlement. All transition protection is paid above IS entitlement. If IS is increased, the need for transition protection reduces. A successful applicant for additional impairment components of Income Support will receive the full value of the impairment component (based on household circumstances). In some cases this will result in an adjustment of transition protection.