

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 21st OCTOBER 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise how many households are receiving help towards rental costs from the Income Support scheme, and how much has been paid to both private and social housing landlords through the provision of such support, broken down for each of the last five years?”

Answer

Number of households receiving Income Support in rented accommodation at year end:

| No of claims at year end | Andium Homes | Housing trusts | Private sector |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2019 | 2730 | 630 | 1670 |
| 2020 | 2840 | 670 | 1920 |
| 2021 | 2810 | 660 | 1570 |
| 2022 | 2830 | 610 | 1290 |
| 2023 | 2900 | 610 | 1210 |

Numbers have been rounded to nearest 10.

Allocation of Income Support benefit to rental accommodation costs:

| | Andium Homes | Housing Trusts | Private sector |
|------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | (£'000s) | (£'000s) | (£'000s) |
| 2019 | 17,088 | 3,807 | 9,215 |
| 2020 | 18,701 | 4,339 | 11,281 |
| 2021 | 19,066 | 4,086 | 9,470 |
| 2022 | 19,203 | 3,948 | 7,372 |
| 2023 | 20,473 | 4,125 | 7,652 |

This data is available on the opendata.gov.je site.

The site also includes an explanation of the way in which Income Support costs are consistently allocated to different types of expenditure. The note is reproduced below:

“The value of Income Support paid to a particular household depends not only on the mix of components that it is entitled to, but also on the other income received by the household. It is therefore not straightforward to report on the value of each component in the total expenditure for Income Support. However, to enable an analysis of the estimated total costs by component, a method of allocating costs within the various components has been developed. This method divides the actual Income Support benefit received by a household in proportion to the gross value of each of the components that the household is

eligible for, to allocate a specific net value to each of the components. The mix of Income Support claims changes over time and the values of some components can change during the year. This analysis includes data taken from each month of the year to ensure that trends in the take-up of Income Support and rate changes during the year are represented, and provides approximate net values for the cost of each component group.”