

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2020**

Question

Will the Minister state what provision, if any, is available to meet the cost of glasses for children in families who are struggling financially, particularly where there is a need for thinned lenses or where the child may be suffering from astigmatism?

Answer

The guidelines used within Income Support recognise that specialist glasses are more expensive, and that children may need help more often. This means that the household can apply for a special payment grant in respect of glasses for a child up to once a year, and extra payments towards specialist lenses will be considered.