

# Health, Social Security & Housing Scrutiny Panel

## Income Support Sub-Panel

### PUBLIC MEETING

### Record of Meeting

Date: **10th November 2009**

Meeting Number: **4**

Present	Deputy G.P. Southern, Chairman Deputy T. Vallois, Vice Chairman Connétable D. Mezbourian
Apologies	Connétable S.A. Yates Deputy D.J. De Sousa
In attendance	Mr. E. Le Quesne, Advisor C. Le Quesne, Scrutiny Officer

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	<p><b>1. Minutes</b> The Sub-Panel received and approved its minutes of the 30th October 2009.</p>	
	<p><b>2. Review update</b> The Sub-Panel received an oral report from the Chairman and was advised as follows -</p> <p>Individual reports relating to transitional payments were being received following reassessments and that no phasing of payment changes appeared to be included within that process;</p> <p>That it was essential that the review focus on understanding what the key poverty 'pinch points' were rather than on the delivery of Income Support;</p> <p>That the figures produced by Dr. Evans and the Statistics Unit should provide a basis for understanding trends and some comparative data that can be validated against future reviews;</p> <p>That one approach which might be taken to engage with 'seldom heard' groups would be to contact charities and organizations to assist with undertaking 'workshops' using a questionnaire format to build a picture of where the financial difficulties and deprivations are being felt. The Sub-Panel members were invited to consider Item 14c in</p>	

	<p>background information prior to its next meeting so that the exact questions to be asked of the various groups could be defined. The Sub-Panel agreed that the exercise would enable it to clarify its understanding of how to engage with the various groups; and,</p> <p>A meeting with Mr. Francis Le Gresley, Citizens Advice Bureau would be arranged to discuss any changes in trends or concerns.</p> <p>The officer was requested to prepare the necessary lists of contacts.</p>	
	<p><b>3. Response to the Minister for Social Security</b></p> <p>The Sub-Panel received and considered its response to correspondence dated the 28th October 2009 from the Minister for Social Security. It approved its draft response subject to minor typographical amendments.</p>	CLQ
	<p><b>4. Documents received</b></p> <p>The Sub-Panel received draft notes of meetings, which had taken place at officer level with both the Statistics Unit and the Social Security Department.</p>	
	<p><b>5. Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled meeting was due to take place on 24th November 2009 from 12.30 - 2.00 pm.</p>	

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Date:

24th November 2009

Deputy G. Southern  
Chairman, Income Support Panel