

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2018**

Question

Will the Minister inform the Assembly of the total number of people who are claiming –

- (a) the Food Costs Bonus;
- (b) the Cold Weather Bonus;
- (c) both the Food Costs Bonus and the Cold Weather Bonus;

and will she further advise how many of these claims are from people with a disability?

Answer

Benefit Type	Household in receipt from Sep-2017 to Aug-2018	Individuals in receipt from Sep-2017 to Aug-2018 who had an Long Term Incapacity Allowance (LTIA) / Invalidity (INV) claim at the time
Food Costs Bonus	1130	62
Cold Weather Bonus	1009	28
Food Costs Bonus & Cold Weather Bonus	1009	28

The Food Costs Bonus and the Cold Weather Bonus are paid to lower income households who do not qualify for Income Support. The Cold weather Bonus is only available to people above pension age.

Disability benefits are paid under the Income Support scheme and are also provided to working age people through the Social Security Scheme (LTIA and INV Benefit).

The Department only holds records of disability associated with benefit claims and therefore only a small number of individuals are identified by cross matching benefits. The cross matches noted above relate to working age people claiming Food Costs Bonus and households that includes a pensioner and a working age person.

It is not possible to determine from benefit records the total number of people above pension age receiving these benefits who have a disability.