

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2017**

**Question**

Further to the Assembly's adoption of 'The Reform of Social Housing' (P.33/2013) and the introduction of the new social housing rental policy of 90% market rents, will the Minister provide a breakdown of the amount currently spent on the housing component of Income Support (separated into private and social housing) compared to the levels of such expenditure in the year before the agreement of P.33/2013?

**Answer**

As explained in the [2015 Social Security Annual Report](#) (page 66), published on 07 October 2016, 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. Therefore it is not straightforward to report on the value of each component in the total expenditure for Income Support. However, to enable an analysis of the total cost to be undertaken, 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 most recent figures covering the full year of expenditure are for 2015. The changes to the Income Support housing component were approved as part of P.1/2014, coming into force on 07 April 2014 and the 2013 data is provided below as the last full year prior to this change.

The amount spent in 2013 is as follows:

<b>2013, amounts are in £000</b>	<b>Total</b>
States Housing Department	15,064
Trust Rental	2,957
Private Rental	9,054
Other	1,012
Owner Occupier	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,123</b>

NB. Due to rounding, individual rows do not reconcile to total.

The amount spent in 2015 is as follows:

<b>2015, amounts are in £000</b>	<b>Total</b>
Andium Homes	15,995
Other Trust Rental	3,399
Private Rental	10,117
Other	848
Owner Occupier	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,386</b>

