

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES BY DEPUTY G.P.
SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER**

ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th JULY 2008

Question

Following the Minister's response to question number 3981 of 1st July 2008, when he stated that the average sum allocated to compensate those on Income Support (IS) for GST would be £318 per annum, will he now advise how this figure has been derived, given that a first-order estimate of this sum (total GST payment £1.75 million/number of IS households 8,079) would be £217?

Answer

The figure of 8,079 households quoted by the Deputy refers to all households receiving income support or protected payments and includes individuals in residential care. The value of £318 per annum represents the average annual increase in components for the 5,327 households that are eligible for Income Support at present.