

**From: Project Manager**  
**Sent:**28 April 2020 14:55  
**To: Senior Policy Officer**  
**Cc: Systems Analysts Manager**  
**Subject:**RE: Uprate 2020.

Hi [REDACTED]

I imagine it depends upon how long the Lockdown continues for and the volume of work flowing from that.

August bank Holiday weekend is the first uprate date. Everything needs to be in place some weeks before that, particularly if letters are required.

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If there is anything specific you need for your meeting, by all means let me know.

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]

Project Manager

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**From: Senior Policy Officer**  
**Sent:**28 April 2020 13:33  
**To: Project Manager**  
**Cc: Systems Analysts Manager**  
**Subject:**Re: Uprate 2020.

Hi,

[REDACTED]

Going back to income support, are there any practical considerations I need to bear in mind, or raise with the ministerial team. Would we be able to implement an uprate this year? What would the consequence be to your work plans or customer service etc if there was one?

Thanks



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**From: Senior Policy Officer**

**Sent:**28 April 2020 11:01

**To: Project Manager**

**Re:** Uprate 2020.

Hi [REDACTED]

I am putting together a short paper on this now for the minister for this Friday's meeting. The main aim is for her to decide whether to have an uprate this year. If there will be, then the details might need to be agreed at a later meeting, with further work on the practicalities and effects.

The paper will include high level policy and financial considerations such as:

- overall policy/equity considerations. Money for uprate vs other demands
- the original budget for the uprate
- recent IS claim no. and £ rate
- latest RPI increase
- what doing no uprate would mean to people
- what RPI uprate to components would cost and mean to people

I'm working on the basis that if there is an uprate it will follow the usual timetable and be in place for 1 Oct.

Are there any key points you or the rest of the IS uprate team would like me to mention to the minister at this stage?

Kind regards

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[REDACTED]

**Senior Policy Officer**

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**From:** Head of Policy

**Sent:** 30 April 2020 19:45

**To:** Ministerial Support Officer; Judith Martin ; Jeremy Macon; Scott Wickenden ; Ian Burns ;  
Communications Officer

**Cc:** SSPolicyteam

**Subject:** RE: Ministerial Meeting agenda & papers - 01-05-20

Good evening,

Here is an additional paper for the extra meeting tomorrow to discuss the income support rates.

Note that this is a draft paper and [REDACTED] will be able to update you tomorrow with further information. I am circulating the draft to give you an opportunity to read the basic options in advance but there are some numbers missing from this version. The discussion on Friday is a preliminary discussion. Depending on your views, we will return next week with options that are fully worked up.

Many thanks

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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**From: Senior Policy Officer**

**Sent:**01 May 2020 15:29

**To: Finance Manager;** CLS Information Analysis Team ; Group Director of Operations; Systems Analysts Manager; Economic Advisor; Project Manager

**Cc: Head of Policy**

**Subject:**Re: Input into income support uprate discussion with Soc Sec Minister

Hi,

Following a discussion with the ministerial team just now, the Minister has decided not to carry out an uprate in October.

The Minister will consider an income support uprate outside of the usual cycle (perhaps in January 2021) and any other appropriate measures as part of a wider recovery plan for Jersey.

We will need to support the work on developing the recovery plan which will be developed over the next few months.

Thank you for help this week.

Kind regards

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**From: Finance Manager**

**Sent:**30 April 2020 17:15

**To: Finance Manager;** CLS Information Analysis Team ; Group Director of Operations; Systems Analysts Manager; Economic Advisor; Project Manager

**Cc: Project Manager**

**Subject:**RE: Input into income support uprate discussion with Soc Sec Minister

Hi █

The March report I have suggests we were at 5,670 weekly income support claimants. The expectation is that there will be an additional 1250 ASW which is the driver for the additional £8.1m spend on the spend figures from earlier.

The £8.1m additional spend is therefore based on 1250 people @ £6,500 each (approximate average cost for 6 months in the current year). This was discussed and agreed with Ian Burns a few days ago but is an estimate only.

The MI team are working on a more detailed forecast which looks further ahead and is based on the March FPP estimate of the recovery next year but I can't get this tonight.

Hope this helps finish your report but it is a high level estimate only.

