

Ministerial Meeting Minutes – 15 April 2020	TEAMS 12:00 to 14:00
Attendees	Apologies
Judy Martin – Social Security Minister	
Jeremy Maçon - Social Security Assistant Minister	
Scott Wickenden - Social Security Assistant Minister	
Ian Burns	
Policy Director	
Ministerial Support Officer	
Communications Officer	

Item No	Subject	Minister's Decision	Action Notes	Action By	To be completed by	Exemptions if applicable
10.	Income Support up-rate 2020		<p>The usual Income Support up-rate timetable is to lodge Regulations in May or June for a debate in July to up-rate the benefit from 1 October. This costs approximately £2-£3M a year.</p> <p>It was noted that the cost of Income Support claims will increase in line with the increasing number of claims.</p> <p>It was noted that the FPP has provided advice on the economic impact of the COVID-19 situation but that a forecast for future unemployment will also be needed to support an estimate of future income support costs.</p>			Exempt Article 35

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			Policy will provide an options paper including a timetable and details of the broader economic position, including ASW numbers, to the Ministerial team to consider and decide on timing for 2020.	■	01/06	