WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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Question

"Will the Minister advise whether any consideration has been, or is being, given to abolishing the Social Security Cap, given that the Social Security Fund has a structural deficit; and, if not, why not?"

Answer

The Social Security Fund (and Reserve Fund) are entering a new stage, which has been forecast for some considerable time, in which expenditure will exceed income from contributions and the States Grant because of demographic changes. However, the overall financial position of the Funds also reflects investment income. The Budget forecast shows the value of the Funds continuing to grow from £2.7 billion to £3.2 billion by the end of 2030.

Ministers are not currently considering removing the upper earnings limits for Social Security contributions.

The Minister for Social Security is developing a long-term strategy for the Social Security Funds alongside the four-yearly actuarial review. Both are expected to be completed and published in spring 2027. Together, they will provide an updated assessment of the long-term financial position of the Funds and inform the development of the 2028 Budget, including consideration of any changes to existing policy.

The long-term strategy will consider:

- the ongoing purpose and objectives of the Fund, following the building of substantial Fund reserves since the late 1990s
- the current financial position and long-term outlook of the Social Security Funds
- the future level and balance of Fund income, including contributions, States grants and investment returns
- the appropriate level and use of Fund reserves over time
- fairness between generations

Together, these reviews will provide the appropriate basis for considering any significant changes to Social Security policy, including the current contribution and wider funding structure, and the States grant.