

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **SOCIAL SECURITY LAW (PARENTAL ALLOWANCE AND DEATH GRANT) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 202- (P.66/2024) – CHILDREN’S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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**Presented to the States on 30th September 2024  
by the Minister for Social Security**

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**STATES GREFFE**

## CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRIA)

### PART 1: SCREENING

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| Name and title of Duty Bearer:                                             | Deputy Lyndsay Feltham, Minister for Social Security |
| Type of Duty Bearer:<br>(Minister, Elected Member or States Assembly Body) | Minister                                             |
| Assessment completed by (if not completed by duty bearer):                 | Apprentice Policy Officer                            |
| Date:                                                                      | 17/09/2024                                           |

1) Name and brief description of the proposed decision

The subject of your CRIA may be a proposed law, policy or proposition and in accordance with the Law is referred to in this template as the '**decision**'

- What is the problem or issue the decision is trying to address?
- Do children experience this problem differently from adults?

The States Assembly approved [P.52/2023](#) lodged by Deputy Raluca Kovacs which requests the Minister of Social Security to bring forward proposals to provide additional financial support to parents who have a pre-term baby or a baby that requires neonatal care.

Parents who have suffered a stillbirth are entitled to parental benefits under the Employment (Jersey) Law 2003 and the Social Security (Jersey) Law 1974. However, they are not entitled to a death grant, a benefit paid as lump sum to support families with the costs of a funeral or cremation.

The Minister of Social Security is proposing an Amendment by Regulations to the Social Security (Jersey) Law 1974 to act on the request included in [P.52/2023](#) and address the disparity currently affecting parents who have suffered a stillbirth.

The Regulations:

1. provide additional weeks of parental allowance to parents of pre-term babies and babies who require hospital care in the first 28 days of their life (neonatal care), and
2. extend the entitlement to a death grant for parents who have suffered a stillbirth.

2) Which groups of children and young people are likely to be affected?

Groups of children could include early years, primary or secondary education; young adults; children with additional learning needs; disabled children; children living in poverty; children from particular ethnic backgrounds; migrants; refugees; care experienced children and LGBTQ+ children

The proposed changes introduce additional financial support for parents and do not affect young people or children.

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| <p>3) What is the likely impact of the proposed decision on children and on their rights?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify any potential positive OR negative impacts and include indirect impacts on children and their rights as described in the UNCRC</li> <li>• Will different groups of children be affected differently by this decision?</li> </ul> |
| <p>The proposed decision does not have a direct or indirect impact on children and their rights.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>4) Is a full Children's Rights Impact Assessment required?</p> <p>If you have identified impacts on children and their rights, a full CRIA should be completed. If no impacts are identified then a Full CRIA is not required, but please explain your rationale and how you reached this conclusion</p>                                                                      |
| <p>No direct or indirect impact has been identified on children and their rights. Therefore, a full CRIA is not needed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |