

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT SOCIAL SECURITY LAW (JERSEY) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 202- (P.77/2026) – CHILDREN’S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**Presented to the States on 23rd October 2026
by the Minister for Social Security**

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CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRIA)

PART 1: SCREENING

Name and title of Duty Bearer:	Senator Elaine Miller
Type of Duty Bearer: (Minister, Elected Member or States Assembly Body)	Minister for Social Security
Assessment completed by (if not completed by duty bearer):	Policy Principal
Date:	19/10/26

1) Name and brief description of the proposed decision

‘Decision’ means:

- an Assembly proposition
- an amendment (or further amendment) to a proposition
- for Ministerial duty-bearers, policy under development

As part of the affordability measures set out in the 2027 Budget (see below) and the 2026 Common Strategic Policy (CSP), Ministers wish to increase the support provided to parents. The Minister for Social Security plans to double the value of the Parental Grant payable under the Social Security Law as one of these measures.

The Budget includes a targeted package of measures, designed to help households manage cost-of-living pressures with a particular support for families and lower-income households:

- Additional financial support for nursery and childcare, for 2-to-3-year-olds;
- a £200 one-off increase paid in 2027, in the Community Cost Bonus, providing additional support to lower-income households, including pensioners;
- targeted expansion of free school meals provision to secondary schools;
- £250 family support payment for each school aged child in low to middle income households in 2027;
- doubling the Social Security parental grant provided to new parents to £1,800; and
- a freeze in fuel duty for 2027.

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 Parental Grant is a single (tax free) payment, currently set at 3 times the standard rate of benefit (i.e. 3 times £307.93). It is paid as one lump sum of £923.79. The payment is aimed at helping with the general cost associated with having a new child. There is no direct impact on children.

If approved, eligible parents will benefit from extra financial support i.e. the lump sum amount received from £923.79 to £1,847.58. The value of the Grant increases in line with average earnings on an annual basis.

3) What is the likely impact of the proposed decision on children and on their rights?

Impacts may be positive or negative, direct or indirect Include whether different groups of children will be affected differently by the decision
If approved, eligible parents will benefit from extra financial support.
4) Is a full Children's Rights Impact Assessment required? 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 <u>please explain your rationale and how you reached this conclusion</u>
A full CRIA is not required for these Regulations. The Parental Grant is available to eligible parents who are having a baby and they will/may benefit from this additional financial support but there is no direct impact on children or their rights.