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Subject: Asylum Seekers in Direct Provision Accommm.

Don,

I would appreciate the Department's view on the subject of assistance under the S.W.A. Scheme towards the cost of disposable nappies paid to applicants accommodated under Direct Provision- whilst it has come to be accepted practice I believe it is a poor one on several counts:

The contracts signed between R.I.A. and proprietors of accommodation need to be examined to check if provision is made for this item- as is included in Contracts of Care with Nursing Homes. I believe the previous Minister of Social And Family Affairs expressed such a view.

Secondly the provision of this assistance by the C.W.O. adds greatly to our work-loads and the need could be met in a more time efficient manner by the management of hostels.

Lastly I am advised by Public Health Nurses that disposable nappies could be purchased in bulk for a fraction of what is spent in S.W.A. by way of payments to individual clients.

Regards,

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