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Dear Lord Bishop of Manchester,

I am writing following the Lords Oral Question on the impact of the Household Support Fund on Bed Poverty on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Thank you for raising this question. I am writing to clarify information provided in my response.

In my response I originally said:

*'...we will spend £276 billion through the welfare system in the coming year, **2024-25**, including around £125 billion on people of working age and children. This is very much work in progress. Bearing in mind the point behind her question, I can say that my department, the DWP, is working ever more closely with the DHSC and other necessary departments to take a range of initiatives forward'*

The below amended response includes the correct figures and date relating to welfare system spend.

*'We expect to spend around £276bn through the welfare system in **2023/24** including around £125bn on people of working age and children.'*

I will place a copy of this in the House library.

*My best wishes  
James Younger*

**The Viscount Younger of Leckie**

**Parliamentary-Under-Secretary of State**