

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND NOVEMBER 2006**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.1: Working age payments

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Question Number: W948-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: Utilities Allowance. How much will be paid per person in this financial year?

Answer:

Payments of Utilities Allowance (UA) are made in March and September each year. The rate of UA is indexed to CPI. The current rate of UA is:

- Single: \$105.20 annually (two payments of \$52.60)
- Partnered – each eligible partner: \$52.60 annually (two payments of \$26.30)
- Partnered – illness separated couple, respite care couple or partner imprisoned: \$105.20 (two payments of \$52.60)