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Increase in electricity tariff rebate for pensioners

Norfolk Island Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, the Hon. Vicky Jack MLA, today announced changes to the Electricity Tariff Rebate available to Social Service Recipients.

The new rebate, effective for electricity usage from January 1st, 2009 will be \$0.13 per unit to a maximum of \$65.00 per quarter.

“This is the first stage of a review of fringe benefits for those receiving pensions or benefits under the *Social Services Act 1980*”, Mrs Jack said. “We are aware of cost of living pressures on pensioners, whose fortnightly rates of payments have recently been increased. We will be looking at all other areas of concessions and benefits as part of the framing of the 2009/10 budget”.

Stephanie V Jack
Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare

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