

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 3**

**Question No: 215**

**Topic:** Program 3.5 -Clean Energy Low Income Supplement

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Cash** asked:

1. If the program has been suspended by the government, why is the Commonwealth still incurring expenditure of \$5 million each financial year over the forward estimates?
2. Who will still be receiving the supplement to justify the \$5 million expense each financial year?

**Answer:**

The Clean Energy Low Income Supplement payment has not been suspended. It is an ongoing annual payment that can be claimed by individuals in low-income households that have not received adequate assistance through the tax system or other household assistance measures to help offset the impact of the carbon price on their cost of living expenses. It is estimated that around 16,500 people will qualify for the \$300 payment each year.