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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Topic: CPRS Household Assistance

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Question: (Senator Bernardi)

- a) Does the Government's proposed CPRS give compensation for the unemployed?
- b) If so, what are the details of this compensation?

Answer:

- a) Yes. The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) Household Assistance Package provides assistance to persons defined as unemployed by Centrelink, to offset the estimated increase in costs an unemployed person is likely to incur with the introduction of the CPRS.
- b) An unemployed person who is eligible for the Australian Government's Newstart Allowance will receive an increase to their Newstart Allowance payment to offset costs as a result of the CPRS. This has been a part of the detailed design of the CPRS since the release of the CPRS White Paper. The updated Household Assistance Package was included in the Bills considered by the Parliament in November 2009.