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Budget Estimates - supplementary questions

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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 151 | Do you accept that in its published Budget paper No. 3 the NSW Government is proposing to spend less on assisting customers with the cost of energy bills in 2017-18 than it proposed to spend in the 2016-17 Budget year? |
| | | The amount allocated for energy rebates in 2017/18 is higher than the final spend on rebate programs in 2016/17. |
| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 152 | If you do not agree, can you explain how \$257 million in 2017-18 is more than \$259 million in 2016-17? |
| | | See answer to 151 |

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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 153 | For the 2016-17 Budget year: | |
| | | What was the dollar amount provided for each form of rebate or assistance available for eligible households? | |
| | | Rebate | Rate in 2016/17 |
| | | Low income Household Rebate | \$235 |
| | | Family Energy Rebate | \$150 (\$15 part payment) |
| | | Gas Rebate | Natural gas \$90 LPG \$99 |
| | | Life Support Rebate | up to \$1120 per year |
| | | Medical Energy Rebate | \$235 |
| | | Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) | 5 x \$50 per voucher, per bill, per fuel type (maximum 2 bills per fuel per year) |

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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 154 | When was each form of rebate or assistance available for eligible households most recently increased, prior to the 2016-17 Budget? Please provide the information by each rebate or form of assistance and indicate when that was increased and from what previous amount? | | |
| | | Rebate | Last changed prior to 2016/17 budget | Comparison |
| | | Low income Household Rebate | 1 July 2014 | From \$225 per year to \$235 |
| | | Gas Rebate (<i>natural gas</i>) | New Rebate - Introduced 1 July 2015 | \$90 |
| | | Gas Rebate (<i>LPG</i>) | New Rebate – 1 July 2016 | \$99 |
| | | Family Energy Rebate | 1 July 2014 | From \$125 per year to \$150 |
| | | Life Support Rebate | 1 July 2015 | 85% increase in rates (see below for the changed rates) |
| | | Medical Energy Rebate | 1 July 2014 | From \$225 per year to \$235 |

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| | | Energy Accounts Payment Assistance scheme (EAPA) | July 2013 | Limit of assistance per bill changed from \$240 to \$250 per fuel type. Annual amount lifted from \$480 to \$500 per fuel type. |
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| | | Life Support equipment | Previous rate (before 1/7/15) | Daily rate from 1 July 2015 |
| | | Positive Airways Pressure | \$0.16 for less than 24 hour usage | \$0.30 for less than 24 hour usage \$0.59 for 24 hour usage |
| | | Enteral feeding pump | \$0.20 | \$0.37 |
| | | Phototherapy equipment | \$1.66 | \$3.07 |
| | | Home dialysis | \$0.69 | \$1.28 |
| | | Ventilators | \$1.66 | \$3.07 |

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| | | | Oxygen concentrators | \$0.83 for less than 24 hour usage \$1.40 for 24 hour usage | \$1.54 for less than 24 hour usage \$2.59 for 24 hour usage |
| | | | Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) | \$0.38 | \$0.70 |
| | | | External heart pump | \$0.05 | \$0.09 |
| | | | Power wheelchairs for quadriplegics | n/a | \$0.25 |

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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 155 | At the time of the Budget being delivered on 21 June 2016, what was the estimate of how many households would take-up the assistance available? Please list the number of households estimated to take up each rebate or form of assistance? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | <table><tr><th>Program</th><th>PROJECTED customer nos. 2016-17</th></tr><tr><td>Low Income Household Rebate</td><td>780,000</td></tr><tr><td>Gas Rebate – natural gas</td><td>240,000</td></tr><tr><td>Gas Rebate – LPG</td><td>80,000</td></tr><tr><td>Family Energy Rebate</td><td>76,000</td></tr><tr><td>Life Support Rebate</td><td>39,490</td></tr><tr><td>Medical Energy Rebate</td><td>6,500</td></tr><tr><td>EAPA</td><td>85,000</td></tr></table> | Program | PROJECTED customer nos. 2016-17 | Low Income Household Rebate | 780,000 | Gas Rebate – natural gas | 240,000 | Gas Rebate – LPG | 80,000 | Family Energy Rebate | 76,000 | Life Support Rebate | 39,490 | Medical Energy Rebate | 6,500 | EAPA | 85,000 |
| Program | PROJECTED customer nos. 2016-17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Low Income Household Rebate | 780,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gas Rebate – natural gas | 240,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gas Rebate – LPG | 80,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Life Support Rebate | 39,490 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Medical Energy Rebate | 6,500 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EAPA | 85,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 156 | How many eligible households actually took up the assistance available? Please list the number of households by each rebate or form of assistance, and by postcode or electorate | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | <p>Based on data reported by energy retailers, the table below provides the estimated number of customers who took up each form of assistance in 2016/17. LPG rebate projections for 16/17 were based on benchmarks from other rebates. Rebate uptake can be expected to grow over time and the Department works with key stakeholders, including LPG suppliers and residential parks, to promote awareness of the rebate. The Department promote the Family Energy Rebate through a variety of channels.</p> <table><tr><th>Program</th><th>ACTUAL customer nos. 2016-17 (estimated)</th></tr><tr><td>Low Income Household Rebate</td><td>790,000</td></tr><tr><td>Gas Rebate – natural gas</td><td>207,000</td></tr><tr><td>Gas Rebate – LPG</td><td>8,000</td></tr><tr><td>Family Energy Rebate</td><td>44,200</td></tr><tr><td>Life Support Rebate</td><td>37,000</td></tr><tr><td>Medical Energy Rebate</td><td>8,700</td></tr><tr><td>EAPA</td><td>55,000</td></tr></table> | Program | ACTUAL customer nos. 2016-17 (estimated) | Low Income Household Rebate | 790,000 | Gas Rebate – natural gas | 207,000 | Gas Rebate – LPG | 8,000 | Family Energy Rebate | 44,200 | Life Support Rebate | 37,000 | Medical Energy Rebate | 8,700 | EAPA | 55,000 |
| Program | ACTUAL customer nos. 2016-17 (estimated) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Low Income Household Rebate | 790,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gas Rebate – natural gas | 207,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gas Rebate – LPG | 8,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Family Energy Rebate | 44,200 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Life Support Rebate | 37,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Medical Energy Rebate | 8,700 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EAPA | 55,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | For the current 2017-18 Budget year, as at the day the Budget was delivered on 20 June 2017: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 157 | What was the dollar amount provided for each form of rebate or assistance available for eligible households? | |
| | | Rebate | Rate for 2017/18 pa as at 20 June 2017 |
| | | Low income Household Rebate | \$235 |
| | | Family Energy Rebate | \$150 (\$15 part payment) |
| | | Gas Rebate | Natural gas \$90 LPG \$99 |
| | | Life Support Rebate | up to \$1120 per year |
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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 158 | What was the estimate of how many households would take-up the assistance available? Please list the number of households estimated to take up each rebate or form of assistance | |
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| | | Program | PROJECTED customer nos. 2017-18 |
| | | Low Income Household Rebate | 810,000 |
| | | Gas Rebate – natural gas | 278,000 |
| | | Gas Rebate – LPG | 40,000 |
| | | Family Energy Rebate | 77,000 |
| | | Life Support Rebate | 40,500 |
| | | Medical Energy Rebate | 12,700 |
| | | EAPA | 67,000 |

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| | | On Sunday 3 September, you and the Premier made an announcement about increasing government |
| | | rebates by 20 per cent and support for energy efficient appliances |
| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 159 | Which rebates or forms of assistance are being increased? Please provide a full list. |
| | | <p>All energy assistance measures have had an increase in rate of around 20 per cent per year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low Income Household Rebate• Gas Rebate (both for natural gas and LPG)• Family Energy Rebate• Life Support Rebate• Medical Energy Rebate• Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) |

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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 160 | What was the amount of each rebate or form of assistance before the announcement? | |
| | | Rebate | Previous rate pa |
| | | Low income Household Rebate | \$235 |
| | | Family Energy Rebate | \$150 (\$15 part payment) |
| | | Gas Rebate | Natural gas \$90 LPG \$99 |
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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 161 | What is the new amount for each rebate or form of assistance? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <table><tr><td>Rebate</td><td>New rate pa</td></tr><tr><td>Low income Household Rebate</td><td>\$285</td></tr><tr><td>Family Energy Rebate</td><td>\$180 (\$20 part payment)</td></tr><tr><td>Gas Rebate</td><td>Natural gas \$110 LPG \$121</td></tr><tr><td>Life Support Rebate</td><td>up to \$1320 per year</td></tr><tr><td>Medical Energy Rebate</td><td>\$285</td></tr><tr><td>Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA)</td><td>12 x \$50 per voucher (up to \$600 pa)</td></tr></table> | Rebate | New rate pa | Low income Household Rebate | \$285 | Family Energy Rebate | \$180 (\$20 part payment) | Gas Rebate | Natural gas \$110 LPG \$121 | Life Support Rebate | up to \$1320 per year | Medical Energy Rebate | \$285 | Energy Accounts Payment Assistance (EAPA) | 12 x \$50 per voucher (up to \$600 pa) |
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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 162 | When will these new amounts be available from? |
| | | The new rates are effective as at 1 July 2017. For many rebate customers, these new rates have already been applied. The Government is working with energy retailers to ensure all customers are brought on to the new rates from 1 July 2017 as soon as possible and that customers receive any back payments. |
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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 163 | What is the total value of this package? |
| | | This package means a further \$55 million in repayment payments for 2017/18. |
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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 164 | Is it part of the \$257 million in Budget Paper No. 3, p8-18 or is it additional money? |
| | | This is additional money. |

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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 165 | If it is additional to the \$257 million in Budget Paper No. 3, p8-18, where does this money come from? |
| | | This question should be referred to the Treasurer. |
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| ENERGY AND UTILITIES | 166 | If it is additional to the \$257 million in Budget Paper No. 3, p8-18, please indicate where in the Budget Papers this money can be found? |
| | | This was announced after the budget papers were finalised. |