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Age Action Budget 2021 Priorities

A Life with Dignity in Older Age

The table below presents an analysis of the impact of a series of budgets from 2010 to 2021 on 4 different households of older people. The analysis is based on weekly Income Supports Comparison (assuming full secondary benefits) and presents 2010 versus 2020, and 2020 to 2021.

Income	STANDARD RATE (NOT LIVING ALONE), UNDER 80			LIVING ALONE RATE, UNDER 80			STANDARD RATE (NOT LIVING ALONE), OVER 80s			LIVING ALONE RATE, OVER 80s		
	Standard rate, Under 80 2010	Standard rate, Under 80 2020	Standard rate, Under 80 2021	Living Alone rate, Under 80 2010	Living Alone rate, Under 80 2020	Living Alone rate, Under 80 2021	Standard rate, Over 80 2010	Standard rate, Over 80 2020	Standard rate, Over 80 2021	Living Alone rate, Over 80 2010	Living Alone rate, Over 80 2020	Living Alone rate, Over 80 2021
State Pension (Contributory)	€230.30	€248.30	€248.30	€230.30	€248.30	€248.30	€230.30	€248.30	€248.30	€230.30	€248.30	€248.30
Christmas Bonus (weekly equivalent)		€4.78	€4.78		€4.78	€4.78		€4.78	€4.78		€4.78	€4.78
Living Alone/ Over 80s Allowances				€7.70	€14.00	€19.00	€10.00	€10.00	€10.00	€17.70	€24.00	€29.00
Total A	€230.30	€253.08	€253.08	€238.00	€267.08	€272.08	€240.30	€263.08	€263.08	€248.00	€277.08	€282.08
<i>Secondary Income Supports</i>												
Telephone Allowance	€6.00	€0.00	€0.00	€6.00	€2.50	€2.50	€6.00	€0.00	€0.00	€6.00	€2.50	€2.50
TV Licence	€3.08	€3.08	€3.08	€3.08	€3.08	€3.08	€3.08	€3.08	€3.08	€3.08	€3.08	€3.08
Electricity/Gas	€10.11	€8.07	€8.07	€10.11	€8.07	€8.07	€10.11	€8.07	€8.07	€10.11	€8.07	€8.07
Fuel Allowance (means tested)	€12.31	€13.19	€15.08	€12.31	€13.19	€15.08	€12.31	€13.19	€15.08	€12.31	€13.19	€15.08
Total B	€31.49	€24.34	€26.23	€31.49	€26.84	€28.73	€31.49	€24.34	€26.23	€31.49	€26.84	€28.73
Total A+B	€261.79	€277.42	€279.30	€269.49	€293.92	€300.80	€271.79	€287.42	€289.30	€279.49	€303.92	€310.80
Difference from 2010		€15.62	€17.51		€24.42	€31.31		€15.62	€17.51		€24.42	€31.31
Difference from 2020			€1.88			€6.88			€1.88			€6.88