

## Supporting Seniors

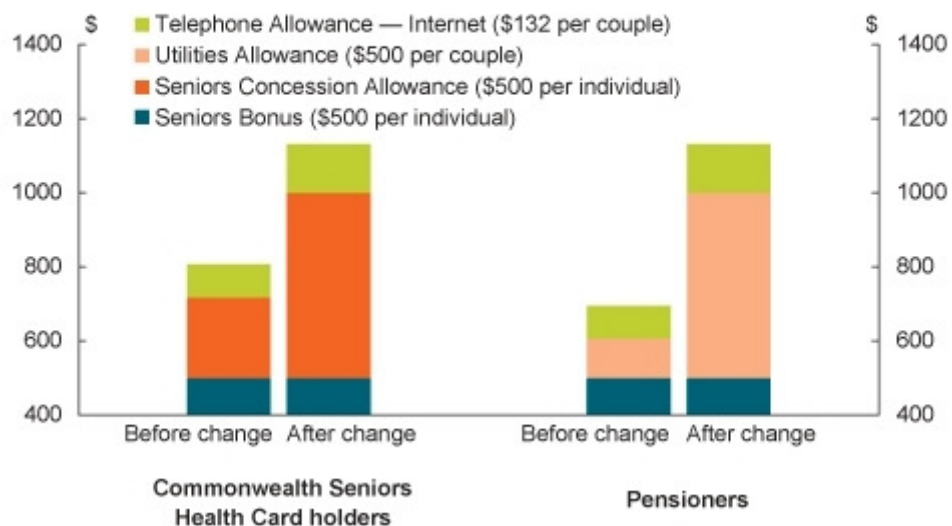


To assist older Australians with the cost of household bills, the Government has:

- Increased the Utilities Allowance from \$107.20 to \$500 per year
- Increased the Seniors Concession Allowance from \$218 to \$500 per year
- Increased the Telephone Allowance from \$88 to \$132 per year for those with an Internet connection
- Committed to paying the \$500 Seniors Bonus again this year.

Age Pension will increase in line with the higher of the consumer price index, increases in male total average weekly earnings or the living cost index for age pensioner households. These arrangements will ensure that the Age Pension keeps pace with increases in prices and improvements in community living standards.

The Government has increased payments to older Australians to help meet living cost



Graph obtained from [www.budget.gov.au](http://www.budget.gov.au)