

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 14 December 2021

C1249. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the Air Conditioning Rebate for eligible households in areas of high heat discomfort, and ask –

- 1) How is an area of 'high heat discomfort' defined, and what are these areas?
- 2) What is the average rebate annually, and how is it calculated? and
- 3) Across Horizon Power's network, how many residential customers receive the rebate in each service region?

Answer

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Energy.

1. The Air Conditioning Rebate is delivered by Horizon Power and RevenueWA on behalf of the Department of Finance.

The Department of Finance defines an area of 'high heat discomfort' is one which is located north of the 26th parallel of south latitude and/or north of the 50-Day Relative Strain Index line.

The 50-Day Relative Strain Index identifies whether 50 days of discomfort are caused by climatic variables in one year. This is calculated through a Relative Strain Index formula, which takes into account temperature, humidity, air movement, metabolic heat rate, net radiation and insulation of clothing.

1 TABLE A.
Please refer to the tabled paper for an appendix listing eligible towns.

2. In the 2020-2021 financial year the average payment made was \$340.42.

The total value of the payment varies according to location. The monthly value of the subsidy payment is currently \$65.05. The total value of the payment is calculated by multiplying the monthly subsidy by the number of eligible months for the location of the household, which is included in the tabled paper.

3. Across Horizon Power's network, the following residential customers receive the Air Conditioning Rebate:

Service Region	No. customers receiving rebate
Kimberley	1,229
Pilbara	552
Gascoyne/Midwest	498
Goldfields/Esperance	48
Total:	2,327

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Appendix

Eligible Town List for Air Conditioning Rebate

TOWN/AREA	MONTHS	PERIOD	TOWN/AREA	MONTHS	PERIOD
Ajana	3	Dec - Feb	Fitzroy Crossing	8	Sept - Apr
Ambania	3	Dec - Feb	Gabbin	3	Dec - Feb
Ardyaloon	7	Oct - Apr	Gascoyne Junction	5	Nov - Mar
Arrino	3	Dec - Feb	Glenhill	8	Sept - Apr
Arrowsmith East	3	Dec - Feb	Gutha	3	Dec - Feb
Balgo	6	Oct - Mar	Halls Creek	7	Oct - Apr
Ballidu	3	Dec - Feb	Hickety	3	Dec - Feb
Bayulu	8	Sept - Apr	Holmwood	3	Dec - Feb
Beacon	3	Dec - Feb	Ikewa	3	Dec - Feb
Beagle Bay	7	Oct - Apr	Jameson	3	Dec - Feb
Bencubbin	3	Dec - Feb	Jigalong	5	Nov - Mar
Bidyadanga	7	Oct - Apr	Kadathinni	3	Dec - Feb
Binnu	3	Dec - Feb	Kalannie	3	Dec - Feb
Blackstone	3	Dec - Feb	Kalumburu	10	Aug - May
Bowgada	3	Dec - Feb	Karijini NP	7	Oct - Apr
Broome	7	Oct - Apr	Karratha	7	Oct - Apr
Bundanoon	3	Dec - Feb	Kingsford	3	Jan - Mar
Buntine	3	Dec - Feb	Kiwirrkurra	3	Dec - Feb
Burringurrah	5	Nov - Mar	Koolanooka	3	Dec - Feb
Cadoux	3	Dec - Feb	Koorda	3	Dec - Feb
Camballin	8	Sept - Apr	Kununurra	9	Sept - May
Cape Range NP	4	Dec - Mar	La Grange	7	Oct - Apr
Carnamah	3	Dec - Feb	Lake Argyle	9	Sept - May
Carnarvon	3	Jan - Mar	Latham	3	Dec - Feb
Cherrabun	8	Sept - Apr	Laverton	2	Jan - Feb
Coorow	3	Dec - Feb	Learmonth	6	Nov - Apr
Coral Bay	2	Jan - Feb	Leinster	2	Jan - Feb
Cue	4	Dec - Mar	Leonora	3	Jan - Mar
Dalwallinu	3	Dec - Feb	Lockier	3	Dec - Feb
Dampier	7	Oct - Apr	Lombadina	7	Oct - Apr
Dartmoor	3	Dec - Feb	Marble Bar	7	Oct - Apr
Dawul	8	Sept - Apr	Marrah	3	Dec - Feb
Denham	2	Jan - Feb	Meekatharra	4	Dec - Mar
Derby	9	Sept - May	Menzies	2	Jan - Feb
Dindiloa	3	Dec - Feb	Millstream	7	Oct - Apr
Djarindjin	7	Oct - Apr	Mingenew	3	Dec - Feb
Durawah	3	Dec - Feb	Morawa	3	Dec - Feb
East Nabawa	3	Dec - Feb	Mount Magnet	4	Dec - Mar
East Yuna	3	Dec - Feb	Mount Margaret	2	Jan - Feb
Eneabba	3	Dec - Feb	Mullewa	4	Dec - Mar
Eradu	3	Dec - Feb	Muludja	8	Sept - Apr
Eradu South	3	Dec - Feb	Nabawa	3	Dec - Feb
Exmouth	6	Nov - Apr	Nangetty	3	Dec - Feb

Naraling	3	Dec	-	Feb	Tom Price	7	Oct	-	Apr
Newman	5	Nov	-	Mar	Useless Loop	2	Jan	-	Feb
Nolba	3	Dec	-	Feb	Valentine	3	Dec	-	Feb
North Eradu	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wananami	8	Sept	-	Apr
Northern Gully	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wanarn	3	Dec	-	Feb
Nullagine	7	Oct	-	Apr	Wandana	3	Dec	-	Feb
Nunierra	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wangkatjunga	8	Sept	-	Apr
One Arm Point	7	Oct	-	Apr	Warakurna	3	Dec	-	Feb
Onslow	6	Nov	-	Apr	Warburton	3	Dec	-	Feb
Oombulgurri	10	Aug	-	May	Warmun	9	Sept	-	May
Pannawonica	7	Oct	-	Apr	West Casuarinas	3	Dec	-	Feb
Paraburdoo	7	Oct	-	Apr	Wicherina	3	Dec	-	Feb
Perenjori	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wickham	7	Oct	-	Apr
Pindar	4	Dec	-	Mar	Wilroy	3	Dec	-	Feb
Pintharuka	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wiluna	4	Dec	-	Mar
Pithara	3	Dec	-	Feb	Winchester	3	Dec	-	Feb
Point Samson	7	Oct	-	Apr	Wingelina	3	Dec	-	Feb
Port Hedland	7	Oct	-	Apr	Wittenoom	5	Nov	-	Mar
Redbank	7	Oct	-	Apr	Womarden	3	Dec	-	Feb
Rockwell	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wongoondy	3	Dec	-	Feb
Roebourne	7	Oct	-	Apr	Wubin	3	Dec	-	Feb
Sandstone	3	Dec	-	Feb	Wyndham	10	Aug	-	May
South Hedland	7	Oct	-	Apr	Yalgoo	4	Dec	-	Mar
South Yuna	3	Dec	-	Feb	Yandanooka	3	Dec	-	Feb
Strelley River	7	Oct	-	Apr	Yandeyarra	7	Oct	-	Apr
Tardun	3	Dec	-	Feb	Yarragadee	3	Dec	-	Feb
Three Springs	3	Dec	-	Feb	Yule River	7	Oct	-	Apr
Tjirrkarli	3	Dec	-	Feb	Yuna	4	Dec	-	Mar
Tjukurla	3	Dec	-	Feb	Yungngora	8	Sept	-	Apr