

**Comparisons 2006-2009**  
**Lone Female Pensioner (age 70+)**  
**Total weekly income, expenditure and shortfall for the 4 different family income situations<sup>1</sup> from 2006-2009**

**2006:**

<b>Income Expenditure Scenario</b>	<b>Total cash income €</b>	<b>Total ME Budget costs* €</b>	<b>Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €</b>
Income from Contributory. Pension/ no car	224. 10	270. 70	46. 60 (shortfall)
Income from Contributory. Pension/ car owner	224. 10	314.37	90.27 (shortfall)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ no car	212. 80	267.76	54.96 (shortfall)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ car owner	212. 80	312.68	99.88 (shortfall)

**2007:**

<b>Income Expenditure Scenario</b>	<b>Total cash income €</b>	<b>Total ME Budget costs* €</b>	<b>Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €</b>
Income from Contributory. Pension/ no car	245.21	280.79	35.58 (shortfall)
Income from Contributory. Pension/ car owner	245.21	326.47	81.26 (shortfall)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ no car	235.91	279.40	43.49 (shortfall)
Income from Non-Contributory. Pension/ car owner	235.91	325.08	89.17 (shortfall)

<sup>1</sup> When calculating the Net cash income for each income scenario, income from the Household Benefits Package was taken into account. Eligibility for medical card was also considered

\* Less healthcare costs where applicable

**2008:**

<b>Income Expenditure Scenario</b>	<b>Total cash income €</b>	<b>Total ME Budget costs* €</b>	<b>Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €</b>
Income from Contributory. Pension/ no car	259.89	293.89	34.00 (shortfall)
Income from Contributory Pension/ car owner	259.89	342.27	82.38 (shortfall)
Income from Non-Contributory Pension/ no car	248.59	292.20	43.61 (shortfall)
Income from Non-Contributory Pension/ car owner	248.59	340.58	91.99 (shortfall)

**2009:**

<b>Income Expenditure Scenario</b>	<b>Total cash income<sup>2</sup> €</b>	<b>Total ME Budget costs* €</b>	<b>Shortfall/ Discretionary Income €</b>
Income from Contributory. Pension/ no car	269.02	280.81	11.79 (shortfall)
Income from Contributory Pension/ car owner	269.02	326.24	57.22 (shortfall)
Income from Non-Contributory Pension/ no car	257.72	279.12	21.40 (shortfall)
Income from Non-Contributory Pension/ car owner	257.72	324.55	66.83 (shortfall)

<sup>2</sup> When calculating the Net cash income for each income scenario, income from the Household benefits package was taken into account. Eligibility for medical card also considered.

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