

### Case Study: Income Scenario- Lone Parent In receipt of Social Welfare

|   | Weekly        | Yearly          |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| <b><u>Income from OFP</u></b>                         |               |                 |
| Personal rate   | 204.30        | 10623.60        |
| Dependent children<br>(26.00 x 2)                     | 52.00         | 2704.00         |
| <b>Total OFP</b>                                      | <b>256.30</b> | <b>13327.60</b> |
| <b><u>Total Income</u></b>                            |               |                 |
| OFP   | 256.30        | 13327.60        |
| Child Benefit   | 76.62         | 3984.00         |
| Early Childcare Supplement (for 1 child) <sup>1</sup> | 9.58          | 498.00          |
| Fuel Allowance <sup>2</sup>                           | 12.31         | 640.00          |
| BSCFA<br>(200.00 per child)                           | 7.70          | 400.00          |
| <b>Total cash income</b>                              | <b>362.51</b> | <b>18849.60</b> |

#### **Calculation of Local Authority Rent**

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Total weekly income        | 362.51 |
| Less disregards:           |        |
| Child benefit              | 76.62  |
| Early Childcare Supplement | 9.58   |
| Fuel Allowance             | 12.31  |
| BSCFA                      | 7.70   |
| Income disregard           | 32.00  |
| Assessable income          | 224.30 |
| Rent (15% of 224.30)       | 33.65  |

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<sup>1</sup> Changes were announced to the Early Childcare Supplement in the 2009 Supplementary Budget. As of May 2009 the amount paid was reduced from €83.00 per month to €41.50 per month for every child under 5. As the annual update of this study is carried out in June of each year the figure of €498.00 as the annual income from the Supplement is calculated on the basis of the reduced rate of €41.50 per month. The Supplement will be abolished at the end of 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Fuel Allowance is paid from September – May (32 weeks). It was extended by 2 weeks in Budget 2009 and increased to €20.00 per week

- €1.00 for each dependent child<sup>3</sup>                      **31.65**

**Eligibility for a medical card**

**This family will qualify, as their only income is from social welfare**

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<sup>3</sup>Dublin City Council (DCC) deducts a €1.00 for each dependent child. This deduction is particular to DCC and does not apply across all Local Authorities.