Income Support Bonus – continuation

This measure will ensure that the children of severely disabled and deceased veterans will continue to be eligible for the Income Support Bonus every six months.

Why is this important?
The Government is committed to supporting children of veterans to continue their education.
The six-monthly Income Support Bonus of $113.20 (indexed) provides financial support to assist with education costs, such as textbooks, uniforms and school fees.

Who will benefit?
This will benefit approximately 1,400 secondary and tertiary students receiving an Education Allowance under the following schemes:

- Veterans’ Children Education Scheme (VCES)
- Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme (MRCAETS).

The Income Support Bonus is paid in respect of students aged 16 years or over, or those under 16 years receiving an Education Allowance at the Double Orphan, Homeless or Living Away from Home rate.

How much will this cost?
Continuation of the Income Support Bonus will result in additional expenditure of $1.2 million over four years.