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Tēnā koe Jan

I am writing to inform you of my recent decision to make an adjustment to the Rates Rebate Scheme (the Scheme). This Government is committed to helping low-income earners. The adjustment represents part of this commitment.

From 1 July 2021, the maximum rebate and income abatement threshold of the Scheme will be adjusted by increasing:

- the maximum annual rebate from $655 to $665; and
- the income abatement threshold from $26,150 to $26,510.

These changes reflect the 1.4% movement of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) All Groups Index for the 2020 calendar year.

Thank you for your continued advocacy for older people in our communities, ensuring they have access to the services they need, and the ability to get additional financial support, such as through the Rates Rebates Scheme.

Nāku noa

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