

## Board and Lodging fee: rent and service components

This fact sheet provides a more detailed list of the rent and service components provided as part of the Board and Lodging fee for residents living in Department of Human Services managed group homes, including a description of each component.

	Board and Lodging fee includes the cost of the following items:
Rent	An amount for the use of the resident's room and common areas. Rent also includes maintenance to the property including repairing house fixtures or fittings that are broken or faulty and maintenance undertaken to prevent deterioration of the property, and maintenance of outside areas.
Utilities	The supply and use of utilities including gas, water and electricity.
Communications	The supply and reasonable usage of shared phone lines for the household including a fixed landline or shared mobile phone.
Food	Purchase of food including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food prepared or consumed inside the home including shared takeaway meals (includes meals prepared in the home but consumed while at routine day activities).</li> <li>• Occasional meals for visitors invited by residents and consumed in the home.</li> <li>• Food supplements, specialised dietary requirements and thickeners recommended by health professionals.</li> </ul>
Bedding and Linen	Provision and replacement of standard manchester. Includes items such as bed sheets, pillows, pillow cases, doonas and blankets, towels and face cloths.
Household consumables	Items used by the household that need to be replaced regularly because they are used or wear out. Includes items like cleaning and laundry products, light globes and toilet paper. First Aid Kit and contents.
Communal furnishings and whitegoods	Provision and replacement of furnishings and whitegoods in living or shared areas (for example, not a resident's personal room). This includes furnishings and whitegoods in the living areas of residents living in individual units.
Household equipment and utensils	Provision and replacement of household equipment and utensils in living or shared areas.

