

## “What will you get for your Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA)?”

The Department of Human Services, Victoria, has a deal with Centrelink, if they just bundle current rent and housekeeping costs for the 2,300 residents of their group homes, these residents will mysteriously become eligible for the full CRA. Whereas, they were not eligible before!

In exchange for this three-card trick, with the department taking the CRA money, the department has agreed to provide those service fees which most administrators pay extra to the rent and housekeeping components.

These are estimated to be similar to those below, which show a cash benefit for the department - dependent on cost estimations of the items listed. A good move would be to, (a) adjust the figures below to your estimations and circumstances, to see your estimated CRA surplus, (b) get a copy of the Housekeeping Budget before and after the change over and, (c) request to know exactly, in detail, what the CRA, of around \$250pm, is funding or intending to fund.

### Estimated Items to be paid for from the CRA by residents in a six bedroom home

*Note: Figures are rounded up, not intended to be exact - just a guide*

<b>Manchester</b>	<b>Every 1 year per resident</b>	<b>Every year</b>
6 Bath Towels @ \$30 each	\$180	\$180
	<b>Every 3 years per resident</b>	
4 Dona Covers @ \$80 each	\$320	160
2 Doonas @ \$80 each	160	
	<b>Every 2 years per resident</b>	
6 Sheet Sets @ \$50 each	\$300	150
	<b>Every 5 years per six residents</b>	
<b>Furniture</b>		
Dining Room	1000	
Lounge	2000	200
Bedroom	1000	
Outdoor	500	
	<b>Every year per six residents</b>	
<b>Elect &amp; General</b>		
Electrical Equipment	2000	
General Kitchen & Laundry	1000	<u>\$500</u>
	CRA = \$3000pa	less - \$1200pa

**Surplus CRA = \$1800pa, per resident**

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