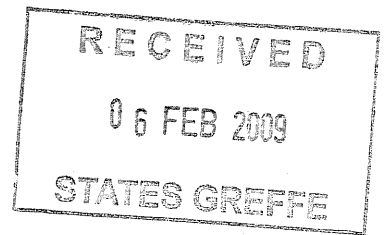


Re Ad in J.E.P.

Income Support.



Before Christmas I saw in the J.E.P that a heating allowance, was going to be given to OAP's to help with their heating bills, this was to happen when the temperature dropped to a certain degree, e.g. cold. Well I think this winter has been colder than many, my husband is 70 OAP, I am 62, OAP, no heating allowance has come our way, we have lived in one room of our home most of the winter. Going to bed early and using our Electric Blanket to keep warm, it has been a long hard winter for us, and it is not over yet. We get £900 OAP for 2 a month, and my husband gets a very small pension from work. I get £38 a week from Income Support, we get nothing else, we pay our doctors bills etc. As I stayed at home to look after our children, when they were small, and eventually my mother and father when they could not look after themselves, I worked for a few years on my husband's Social Security Card, so I get no pension. We have struggled all our lives to buy our own home so therefore get nothing, many people who have come over and been here 12 yrs some less get

reduced rent, doctors and dentists paid, and other help, Is it worth struggling to buy a home, when everyone else gets the handouts, I thank god for free prescriptions they have been a god send to us as we are both in poor health.

The heating allowance should go to everyone over 70, whether it is their own home or not, If they are in a home being looked after they do not need it, It is high time this was sorted out. We dread our electric bill, but will get no help paying it.