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Economic Security Strategy Payment for Pensioners, Seniors, Carers and Families.

The Australian Government has announced a \$10.4 billion Economic Security Strategy to strengthen the Australian economy and to give more support to pensioners and families.

Many Centrelink, Family Assistance Office and Department of Veterans' Affairs customers qualify, and may be eligible for payments of \$1400 for pensioners, and \$1000 per child. People currently receiving payments do not need to apply or contact Centrelink to receive their additional payment.

With the payments due to be delivered mid December, the Mitchell CHS Financial Counsellor, Ian Liddell is suggesting that recipients of these amounts seriously consider the most appropriate use of these funds as we come up to the Christmas period. This year, in particular, many families are facing financial hardship and are struggling to meet day to day costs, such as food, utilities, fuel, and upcoming school expenses.

This information has been gathered from the Centrelink document "Economic Security Strategy – Payment for Pensioners, Seniors, Carers and families." For further information, contact Centrelink, or download the fact sheet at www.centrelink.gov.au