

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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MOST TALKED ABOUT THE BUDGET

WHILE some high-income earners might be feeling miffed by changes to the private health rebate, let's not forget that people earning \$180,000 or more per year are about to enjoy an income tax cut of \$41.35 per week. This comes on top of a \$50 per week tax cut they received last year, a total income tax benefit of \$91.35 per week since the Rudd Government was elected.

Even if slugged \$20 per week via changes to the private health insurance rebate, high-income earners have done very well under Kevin Rudd, especially when you compare them with our poorest citizens. A single unemployed person currently receives \$11,786 per year in benefits. Let's hope the budget includes some good news for them.

When middle and high-income earners do their sums on gains and losses from Rudd Government policies, spare a thought for what it's like to try to live with dignity on \$11,786 per year.

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