SOCIAL FUND COLD WEATHER PAYMENTS FOR GREAT BRITAIN 2010-11

- Cold Weather Payments provide help to people in meeting their additional heating costs during periods of extreme cold.

- Payments are made to those most vulnerable to the cold, i.e. older people in receipt of Pension Credit, disabled adults and children, and families with children under 5 who are in receipt of an income related benefit.

- Payment is made automatically when the average temperature at the weather station linked to an eligible customer's postcode has been recorded as, or is forecast to be, 0 degrees Celsius or below over seven consecutive days. There are 91 weather stations used in the Cold Weather Payment scheme for 2010-11.

- The rate of payment is £25 for each seven day period of very cold weather.

Triggers notified on 7 December 2010		
Weather Station	**Forecast/Recorded (F/R)**	**Period**
Aviemore	F	7 Dec – 13 Dec
Braemar	F	7 Dec – 13 Dec
Dundrennan*	R	30 Nov – 6 Dec
Hawarden Airport*	R	30 Nov – 6 Dec
Pembrey Sands*	R	30 Nov – 6 Dec

** This is a further trigger as the recorded temperatures for the periods involved means that customers would have received an additional payment if forecasted triggers were not being used for the scheme.*

Total estimated number of payments authorised today	**79,700**
Total estimated expenditure authorised today	**£1,992,500**
Total triggers to date	**150**
Total estimated number of payments authorised to date	**6,998,000**
Total estimated expenditure authorised to date	**£174,950,000**
Estimated proportion of those eligible who have had at least one payment authorised to date	**99.8%**

Note: The data above is based on the estimated number of benefit units linked to each weather station which are eligible for Cold Weather Payments. The information provided is Management information. Our preference is to provide Official/National Statistics but in this case we only have Management Information available. It is not quality assured to the same extent as Official/National Statistics and there are some issues with the data, for example, figures given are estimates not actuals and may be revised later.

Analysis of triggers by weather station so far this season:

Weather station	Number of triggers
Aberporth	1
Albemarle	2
Andrewsfield	2
Aultbea	1
Aviemore	3
Bedford	2
Bingley	2
Bishopton	2
Boscombe Down	2
Boulmer	1
Braemar	3
Brize Norton	2
Capel Curig	2
Cardinham (Bodmin)	1
Carlisle	2
Cassley	2
Charlwood	2
Charterhall	2
Chivenor	1
Coleshill	2
Crosby	1
Culdrose	1
Dundrennan	2
Dunkeswell Aerodrome	2

Dunstaffnage	1
Dyce	2
Edinburgh Gogarbank	2
Eskdalemuir	2
Filton	2
Fylingdales	2
Gravesend	1
Hawarden Airport	2
Heathrow	1
Hereford-Credenhill	2
Herstmonceux West End	2
High Wycombe	2
Hurn (Bournemouth Airport)	2
Keele	2
Kinloss	2
Kirkwall	1
Lake Vyrnwy	2
Leconfield	1
Leek	2
Lerwick	2
Leuchars	2
Linton on Ouse	2
Liscombe	2
Little Rissington	2
Loch Glascarnoch	2
Loftus	1
Lusa	1
Lyneham	2
Machrihanish	1
Manston	1
Marham	2

Mona	1
North Wyke	2
Norwich Airport	1
Nottingham Watnall	2
Pembrey Sands	2
Plymouth	1
Redesdale	2
Rhyl	1
Rothamsted	2
St Athan	1
St Bees Head	1
Salsburgh	2
Sennybridge	2
Shap	2
Shawbury	2
Sheffield	2
South Farnborough	2
Stonyhurst	2
Stornoway Airport	1
Strathallan	2
Thorney Island	1
Trawsgoed	2
Tredegar	2
Tulloch Bridge	2
Waddington	2
Walney Island	1
Wattisham	2
West Freugh	1
Wick Airport	2
Wittering	2
Woodford	2

Yeovilton	2

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