Scenario: Peter is a visual artist who is a Sole Trader. He has an agent but does not employ any staff. He sells his work via his online website and through gallery exhibitions, however, most of his income comes from art fairs and markets. Due to the coronavirus, Peter’s business activity has dropped significantly although he is still earning $400 a fortnight.

What financial support is available? Peter will receive an income-tested JobSeeker Payment of $403.10, Rent Assistance of $139.60, and Energy Supplement of $8.80, coming to an income support payment of $551.50 a fortnight. Peter will also receive the Coronavirus Supplement of $550, bringing his total fortnightly income (including his earnings) to $1,501.50.

Scenario: Jennifer is a self-employed glass artist who primarily earns income through commissions and selling her work through another party such as homewares stores on a consignment basis, whereby the store receives a commission from every sale. Due to the coronavirus, Jennifer’s revenue from commissions has completely stopped as retail shops and galleries have all closed.

What financial support is available? Jennifer will receive a JobSeeker Payment of $565.70, Rent Assistance of $139.60, and Energy Supplement of $8.80, coming to an income support payment of $714.10 a fortnight. Jennifer will also receive the Coronavirus Supplement of $550, bringing her total fortnightly income to $1,264.10.

Scenario: Amrita is a self-employed singer whose main source of income is from function bookings such as weddings or corporate events. She also teaches singing lessons to primary school children on a casual basis. Due to the coronavirus, her revenue from bookings has stopped and singing lessons have been placed on hold due to social distancing.

What financial support is available? Amrita will receive a JobSeeker Payment of $565.70, Rent Assistance of $139.60, and Energy Supplement of $8.80, coming to an income support payment of $714.10 a fortnight. Amrita will also receive the Coronavirus Supplement of $550, bringing her total fortnightly income to $1,264.10.

Scenario: Joshua is a fine art consultant who is engaged as a Sole Trader to provide advice to galleries and other institutions or to private art collectors. He represents himself and does not employ any staff. Joshua is still able to conduct some business online with established clients and earns $600 a fortnight. However, being unable to engage in face-to-face meetings with new clients, he is unable to generate any additional revenue.

What financial support is available? Joshua will receive an income-tested JobSeeker payment of $283.10, Rent Assistance of $139.60, and Energy Supplement of $8.80, coming to an income support payment of $431.50 a fortnight. Joshua will also receive the Coronavirus Supplement of $550, bringing his total fortnightly income (including his earnings) to $1,581.50.
**Scenario:** Ahmad is a self-employed professional comedian whose primary source of income is from function bookings, domestic and international comedy festivals, and corporate events. Due to the shutdown of non-essential services and public gatherings, he loses all of his income. Ahmad’s partner is also unemployed.

**What financial support is available?** Ahmad will receive a JobSeeker Payment of $510.80, Rent Assistance of $65.80, and Energy Supplement of $7.90, coming to an income support payment of **$584.50** a fortnight. Ahmad will also receive the Coronavirus Supplement of **$550**, bringing his total fortnightly income to **$1,134.50**.

**Scenario:** Asha is a single parent of a teenage child and is self-employed as a freelance writer whose work is based on contracts as they arise. This includes written communications for small arts organisations. Asha represents herself and does not employ any staff. Her contracts have declined due to the coronavirus impacts on the economy, and she is earning **$450** a fortnight.

**What financial support is available?** Asha will receive an income-tested JobSeeker Payment of **$473.60**, Energy Supplement of $9.50, and Pharmaceutical Allowance of $6.20, coming to an income support payment of **$489.30**. She also receives **$242.20** of Family Tax Benefit Part A, Family Tax Benefit Rent Assistance of **$164.08** and **$110.60** of Family Tax Benefit Part B. With the Coronavirus Supplement of **$550** added, Asha’s total fortnightly income (including her earnings) is **$2,006.18**.

**Scenario:** Susan is a principal carer and single parent of a young child. She works as a community arts practitioner and is a Sole Trader. She provides consultancy services to local councils and arts organisations and also delivers art therapy classes in an aged care home. As non-essential services have been shut down and there are restrictions on visiting aged care homes, Susan now has no source of income.

**What financial support is available?** Susan will receive Parenting Payment Single of **$790.10**, Energy Supplement of **$12.00**, and Pharmaceutical Allowance of **$6.20**. She also receives **$186.20** of Family Tax Benefit Part A, **$110.60** of Family Tax Benefit Part B and Rent Assistance of **$164.08**. This comes to an income support payment of **$1269.18**. Susan will also receive the Coronavirus Supplement of **$550**, bringing her total fortnightly income to **$1,819.18**.