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Submission: I am now on a pension and currently living in department of housing property. My understanding is that most of these properties are a mix of gas and electricity. Gas for cooking and water heating, electricity for lighting etc. However, with the government cutting back already to services to ppl that already in these areas and on these benefits as spelt out in the current budget, the percentage increase to gas is just going to hurt these ppl and those ppl that don't also live in department of housing as well. This also includes ppl with families or rely on gas for other needs because it is cheaper to use than electricity at the moment for many other things like heating. And the percentage is much higher than the consumer price index as well, which is normally around 1-4%. Yes, I understand it may come from other sources (or countries) but the replication of gas and the environment implications of it are far less than that of producing electricity (having done some environmental science as part of my degree). In summing up, a price rise may be imminent, however just not one as drastic as the report suggests. As it is 'it is a suggestion' and you may take it fully, partly or not all, as most ppl do with advice.