



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE ACT
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MEDIA RELEASE

Assembly Committee to investigate cost of living pressures

Today, the Cost of Living Committee announced that it was calling for submissions for its inquiry. The Committee will examine:

- cost-of-living pressures faced by low and moderate income households that are not currently alleviated by ACT or Commonwealth Government assistance programs;
- advice and ideas on how the ACT Government can further help address cost of living pressures;
- recommendations to help inform the considerations of the Expenditure Review Committee of Cabinet in the Budget process;
- longer term recommendations on cost-of-living trends to inform the development of future budgets; and
- any related matters.

People can participate in the inquiry by making a written submission. Further information is available on the committee [webpage](#).

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Johnathan Davis MLA, said “We know Canberrans are struggling with the rising cost of living. Canberrans have noticed all their bills going up – rent, groceries, utilities, petrol, healthcare – everything is getting more expensive. This inquiry will bring together experts, peak stakeholders, and the broader community to find real and practical solutions to address the rising cost of living.”

“Cost of living pressures are affecting everyone, and we’re committed to making sure everyone can participate in this committee inquiry. Any community group or individual can get in touch with the Secretariat to express their interest in the inquiry. If you do this, the Committee may ask you to appear at a public hearing. You don’t need to make a submission.”

Submissions close on Monday, 20 March 2023.

The Committee must report to the Assembly by Thursday, 11 May 2023. This will ensure that the recommendations made by the Committee can inform the development of the 2023-2024 ACT Government Budget.

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STATEMENT ENDS.

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