



SELECT COMMITTEE ON COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE ACT
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Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by MS NICOLE LAWDER MLA on Thursday 13 April 2023: MINISTER DAVIDSON took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MS LAWDER: In case you can give a very quick answer, we spoke in the Assembly recently about a review of the Seniors Card. Has that been completed, and where are we up to?

Ms Davidson: Yes, so I will pass to Anita, who can talk more about the timeline for where that is up to, but yes. I was actually looking at the listening report for that piece of work just today, actually, and yes, certainly one of the difficulties that has come up through that listening report is some of our older Canberrans not knowing what kind of concessions they can access using their Seniors Card, and making sure that people know this is what the Seniors Card can get you, could make a real difference to people's ability to deal with cost of living, particularly when they are on a fixed income after retirement. Anita can talk now about retirement.

MS LAWDER: I am conscious of the time so I will see how quickly Ms Perkins can answer.

THE CHAIR: Or you can provide it on notice if you prefer.

Ms Perkins: We are working through the final recommendations. That will be considered shortly, so it is imminent.

MS LAWDER: Will it be in any kind of soon timeframe that you may be able to provide an update to the committee for us to include in our report.

Ms Perkins: The listening report will be released shortly, yes.

MS LAWDER: If that is at all possible, that might be helpful.

THE CHAIR: So just to be clear, are you—

Ms Davidson: Absolutely. I note that will be published on the Your Say website shortly.

THE CHAIR: Are you taking it on notice to provide the committee with a copy of that listening report once it is published.

Ms Davidson: Yes, we can do that.

MINISTER DAVIDSON: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

On Tuesday 18 April 2023, the ACT Government released a listening report on what was heard during the consultation period for the review of the ACT Seniors Card Program. A copy of the report is available on the YourSay website at <https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/seniors-card>.

The ACT Government will use the information gathered through this exercise to inform next steps for the ACT Seniors Card Program

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Cost of Living Pressures in the ACT

Signature: 

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By the Minister for Veterans and Seniors, Emma Davidson MLA