



SELECT COMMITTEE ON COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE ACT
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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by DAVIS on 12 April 2023: Christopher Stone took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR CHAIR: Great, and then my last question is are you familiar with any other jurisdictions that have built any other kind of program like that one that you have described—or platform—specifically catering for gig economy workers, or would the ACT be trying out something new?

Mr Stone: I am not aware of any. I would like to take that question on notice and double check that in the time since we have done this research that no other jurisdictions, particularly and potentially overseas might have done something, so can I take that on notice to come back to you and I will check back.

Suicide Prevention Australia: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

We are not aware of any jurisdictions or countries which have developed an online peer support platform for gig economy workers. We understand that in the absence of formal peer support services that gig economy workers are turning to unregulated online social media groups to connect with peers.¹ In particular, gig economy workers are using social media platforms including Facebook and Reddit for emotional support and informational support.

- 1) Yao, Zheng, Weden, Silas, Emerlyn, Lea, Zhu, Haiyi, & Kraut, Robert E. 2021. Together But Alone: Atomization and Peer Support among Gig Workers. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*, 5(391), pp.1-29. Retrieved from <https://par.nsf.gov/biblio/10303792>. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3479535>

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