



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE ACT**

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Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Public hearings into cost of living pressures

The Cost of Living Committee today released the program for its public hearings. They will be held on Wednesday, 12 April and Thursday, 13 April in the Prince Edward Island Room in the Assembly Building.

The witnesses include:

- The Treasurer, Mr Andrew Barr MLA
- Other ACT Government ministers, including for the housing sector (Ms Yvette Berry MLA and Ms Rebecca Vassarotti MLA)
- Service providers including the YWCA, St Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army, Foodbank and local pantries
- Peak bodies including the ACT Council of Social Service and Suicide Prevention Australia.

The program is attached.

The [Broadcasting ACT Legislative Assembly](#) website will show a live stream of the hearings and host a recording afterwards.

Further inquiry information, including submissions, is available at [Inquiry into Cost of Living Pressures in the ACT - ACT Legislative Assembly](#).

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Johnathan Davis MLA, said “The Committee has received a strong set of submissions. We look forward to meeting ministers and stakeholders to discuss the issues raised.”

The Committee must report 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.

11 April 2023

STATEMENT ENDS.

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# Hearings program

## Select Committee on Cost of Living Pressures in the ACT

Prince Edward Island Room, Assembly Building

### Wednesday, 12 April 2023

Time	Witness
9 am	ACTCOSS
9.30 am	Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction
10 am	Salvation Army
10.30 am	YWCA
11 am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11.15 am	Pedal Power
11.45 am	Foodbank
12.15 pm	St Vincent de Paul
12.45 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.45 pm	Care
2.15 pm	Suicide Prevention Australia
2.45 pm	Inner North Pantries Network
3.15 pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
3.30 pm	Legal Aid ACT
4 pm	Ms Yvette Berry MLA Minister for Housing and Suburban Development Ms Rebecca Vassarotti MLA Minister for Homelessness and Housing Services
5 pm	<i>Close</i>

### Thursday, 13 April 2023

Time	Witness
10.15 am	ACT Youth Advisory Council
10.45 am	Panel of individuals <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Greg Tannahill</li><li>- Melissa Liddon</li><li>- Geoff Buchanan</li></ul>
11.15 am	Multicultural Association of Canberra
11.45 am	<i>Lunch</i>
12.45 pm	Mr Andrew Barr MLA Treasurer
2.15 pm	Ms Emma Davidson MLA Minister for Disability Minister for Mental Health Minister for Veterans and Seniors
3 pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
3.15 pm	Advocacy for Inclusion
3.45 pm	Deep End
4.15 pm	Roundabout Canberra
4.45 pm	<i>Close</i>