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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA

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MS LEE: So, in the concession rebate, how many households are eligible for that?

Mr Rattenbury: I cannot recall a figure off the top of my head. 43,000.

MS LEE: Okay, and how many ACT households are there?

Mr Rattenbury: Roughly 160, 180. 180 these days, I think.

MS LEE: Okay.

Mr Rattenbury: The government actually expanded the eligibility for the concession this year. There is an additional category of people who are into it. I will have to check those categories, and I will provide them with one notice.

MS LEE: Thank you. Just confirm you are taking that on notice. Okay, so you are doing about 43,000 concessional rebate eligibility for households out of 180,000.

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Eligibility was expanded to include the Commonwealth Health Care Card in the 2023-24 Budget.

Eligible applicants must be the primary holder of one of the following concession cards from Services Australia, the Department of Veterans' Affairs or the ACT Government:

- Pensioner Concession Card;

- Low Income Health Care Card;
- Health Care Card;
- Veteran Gold Card (Prisoner of War, War Widow or Totally Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) Embossed); or
- ACT Services Access Card.

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA