

## Re Impact of cost rises on senior citizens

Food costs the same for all ages and levels of society, whether you are a Member of Parliament or a pensioner.

Pensions are not keeping up with rises in the cost of living. Every time I go to the supermarket, it costs me more for food. It costs me on an average \$120 for each electricity bill.

Household rates have gone up and water rates have gone up.

The impact of the price of petrol, especially as we live in the country and have to travel further than people in the cities, and we don't have public transport so that is not an option.

Extra expenses to travel out of town for medical care, without the benefit of the PATS Scheme, as the round trip for us is 104 kilometres, which is a considerable distance, but not more than 100km so there is no help.

Dental care is horrendously expensive. I had a filling and it fell out, and even with Government assistance, I still had to pay \$50.

Pensions have not increased anywhere near the same as the cost price index in the past six years.

We feel like we are going backwards all the time, after we have worked hard all our lives.

We do not ask for much, but we do ask for a fair go.

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