

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Bill Yan

Portfolio: Treasurer

Agency: Treasury and Finance

Subject: Pensioner household electricity costs

QUESTION:

Is there a way to calculate how much a pensioner household has paid because of the government's 3% increase?

ANSWER:

The response below is framed to consider the 5.3% increase in regulated tariffs that will commence from 1 July 2026 (not 3% as per the question).

From 1 July 2026 utility bills for a pensioner will increase by 5.3%.

Pensioners continue to pay well below the cost of delivering these utilities, as to do all residents of the Northern Territory.

Seniors receive a \$550 prepaid card for Territory residents aged over 65 under the Seniors Recognition Scheme; and concessions of \$1,200 per annum for electricity, \$800 per annum for water, and \$486 per annum for sewerage.