

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Family and Community Services

Taxi Vouchers

Minister I have a constituent who is disabled with arthritis. She can't drive but owns a car so that her friends/family can drive her when they are available. She would like taxi vouchers but has been told that as she owns a car she can't have them. She is often stranded.

1. What can be done to provide this constituent with taxi vouchers as this current situation is not equitable?

ANSWER

The Northern Territory Taxi Subsidy Scheme (NTTSS) provides assistance in the form of taxi vouchers to people who have disabilities that make them not able to use public transport to participate in day-to-day community activities.

People who have chronic conditions such as arthritis that hinders them driving their cars intermittently, can apply for one off emergency assistance from the Scheme.

People who own a car and have a current Northern Territory Driver's Licence are not eligible for subsidies under the Scheme.