

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE OF MOTION

**MEMBER FOR DENISON:** I give notice that on the next day of sitting I shall move that this House:

1. Acknowledges the need to boost the Age Pension as the current payment rates are inadequate;
2. further acknowledges that the Single rate of Age Pension is particularly inadequate as single people often have to deal with the entirety of household expenses, which are rapidly becoming more and more unaffordable;
3. notes that:
  - a. according to recent research by the Australian Council of Social Service, and the Social Policy Research Centre, 13.9 per cent of Age Pension recipients are living below the poverty line; and
  - b. according to a recent poll by the *Sunday Tasmanian*, 74 per cent of Tasmanian pensioners run out of money each fortnight and 61 per cent go without necessities including fresh food; and
4. calls on the Government to immediately increase the Age Pension rate and specifically to address the unique challenges faced by single pensioners.



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