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Ms Cecily Rosol
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Constituency Question – Pensioners Heating Allowance

Dear Ms Rosol

Thank you for your Constituency Question on 15 April 2026, to the Minister for Housing and Planning, Hon. Kerry Vincent MLC, about the Pensioners Heating Allowance on behalf of your constituent Mr Joey Langley. I am responding to you as the Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs, with oversight of the allowance.

For Mr Langley's awareness, the Allowance's eligibility criteria requires recipients not earn more than \$10 per week or have liquid assets of more than \$1750 for a single pensioner or \$2750 for joint pensioners.

Both the additional weekly income and liquid assets eligibility thresholds have not been amended for many years.

Mr Langley's second payment of the 2025/26 Pensioners Heating Allowance will occur this month (May).

The Tasmanian Government also provides an Energy Hardship Fund, which is administered through the Salvation Army, to provide support to Tasmanians to help with their energy bills.

The Government has committed an additional \$150 000 per annum for the next four years 2025-26 to 2028-29, bringing this total commitment for the fund to \$500 000 per annum until 30 June 2029.

Further, Mr Langley may wish to access the *Tasmanian Government Concessions and Discount Guide* which is available online at www.concessions.tas.gov.au and from a range of outlets including Service Tasmania, libraries and Neighbourhood Houses.

I trust this information is of assistance to Mr Langley and other constituents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Ogilvie".

Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs