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Cost of living to be addressed by new working party

Norfolk Island Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, Vicky Jack, said today that a working party has been established to look into the effects of the rising cost of living in Norfolk Island and to advise the Norfolk Island Government on what action might be necessary, especially for young families.

Mrs Jack thanked the two Members of the Legislative Assembly who had agreed to convene the working party, Hon Tim Sheridan and Hon Brendon Christian.

“Tim and Brendon have consistently expressed their concern about the effects of rising prices on young families”, Mrs Jack said. “They want to look at any possible measures to reduce the cost of living, and have told me that they intend to start by considering childcare costs”.

The Cost of Living Working Party will commence work immediately, and is seeking to include as members volunteers from the community. Anyone wishing to put their name forward to join the group should contact the Legislative Assembly on 22003 or email to alma@assembly.gov.nf

The Working Party would also welcome submissions and ideas from all members of the community on any steps which could help to combat rising prices or otherwise reduce the cost of living. Submissions or suggestions can be made direct to members of the Working Party or sent to the special email address costofliving@assembly.gov.nf

The Working Party plans to provide an interim report to the Legislative Assembly at its May sitting and a final report to the June sitting.

Stephanie V Jack
Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare

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