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Senator Sue Boyce
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Grocery Prices Up, Pensions Stay the Same

Liberal Senator for Queensland, Senator Sue Boyce has released the latest grocery price survey on her ShopSmart (www.shopsmart.sueboyce.com.au) website today.

“ShopSmart has the latest pricing comparisons from across Queensland, and again Coles at Toombul (\$59.64) comes in the cheapest for our basket of goods,” Senator Boyce said.

“This month, regional Queensland had the biggest increase in prices, with Gladstone Woolworths (\$65.10), and Cairns Woolworths (\$65.82) the most expensive baskets.

“The average cost of the ShopSmart basket of goods continues to creep up, but Treasurer Swan has said that pensioners will have to wait until next year’s budget before they may get some relief.”

Senator Boyce said: “The Rudd Government’s ‘empathise and ignore’ strategy becomes crueller by the day as prices rise.”

ShopSmart has been set up very cheaply to compare the cost of a basket of everyday goods across Brisbane and regional centres in the State. The website also offers financial planning and money saving tips and a downloadable unit pricing matrix.

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