

No. 117

**MOTION**

**Calling on Government to take immediate and decisive action to address the rising cost of living**

Hannah Bell gives notice that she will move, seconded by Peter Bevan-Baker, the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** inflation on PEI is the highest it has ever been in decades, and is consistently the highest in the country;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost of goods has increased significantly, including necessities like groceries, home heating and gasoline;

**AND WHEREAS** Islanders, especially those on fixed or low incomes, including seniors, are not able to manage the rising costs of living;

**AND WHEREAS** no Islander should have to choose between paying rent or mortgage, buying groceries, or filling a prescription;

**AND WHEREAS** PEI has the lowest wages in the country, which makes it harder for Islanders to manage rises to the cost of living;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to take clear action to reduce the impact of inflation on Islanders by increasing the income thresholds for programs and services, including but not limited to the Catastrophic Drug Program; Dental Program; Efficiency PEI; Seniors Independence Initiative;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to consider additional relief measures, including but not limited to a moratorium on rent increases, increasing the carbon rebate, and accelerating the implementation of a universal basic income guarantee;

**AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge Government to ensure that relief measures are delivered to Islanders in a timely manner.

Signed by: Hannah Bell

Signed by: Peter Bevan-Baker

Date: April 29, 2022