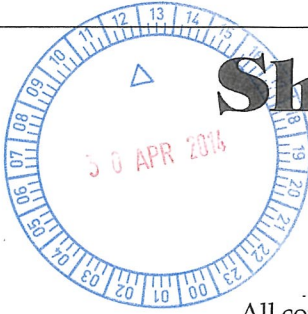




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Ms Lauren Mesiti
Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Public Administration
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Parliament House
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Dear Ms Mesiti

RE: PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY – PATIENT ASSISTED TRAVEL SCHEME (PATS)

In relation to the above, Council unanimously resolved to hereby submit its submission in strongly expressing its opinion to retain the current Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) but also to increase the relevant rates in all categories.

No doubt, the various rates have not kept up with inflation and it is imperative that these increases must be implemented as quickly as possible. Council is of the strong opinion that State Governments are always very quickly to increase charges whether its power, water and other charges but are very slow to increase relevant increases to subsidies as relevant such as the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme.

It is very important that the most fragile demographic sector is cared for and significant increase to this most important subsidy is definitely warranted.

Council looks forward to a significant favourable outcome in due course.

Yours faithfully

Clem Kerp
Chief Executive Officer