GOVERNMENT FORGETS ABOUT SENIORS IN BUDGET

"Despite the rising cost of living and increasing number of people aged over 65, government has forgotten to give incentives in the budget to seniors to stay in the Territory," says Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling.

"Yesterday the Treasurer admitted there has been no increase in concessions under the NT Pensioner Concession Scheme. The subsidy for vehicle registrations has remained the same for many years".

"Today the Treasurer admitted she has turned down a request by National Seniors to have reduced stamp duty for seniors who downsize their home, equivalent to that of first home buyers".

"Obviously the Minister for Senior Territorians has failed to achieve any new concessions for seniors because he also received a copy of the National Seniors' submission".

"This Minister then made the comment that if I know 'who to ask, who had the ministerial responsibilities then we would not have the confusion she caused herself ''."

"Funny, I thought the Minister for Senior Territorians would have been able to answer the question applicable to his portfolio - silly me!"