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Senator Sue Boyce
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Grocery Prices Up, Independents Win

Senator for Queensland, Senator Sue Boyce, has released the October grocery price survey on her ShopSmart website today.

“ShopSmart has the latest pricing comparisons from across Queensland, and the independent IGA (\$62.03) has come in the cheapest for our basket of goods,” Senator Boyce said.

“Three more volunteer shoppers in South East Queensland have joined the ShopSmart campaign this month.

“Our new shopper in the Brisbane CBD found prices there were the highest in the State.

“On average, prices have increased another 0.96% this month,” Senator Boyce said.

“I’m also delighted that Torres Strait Island leaders have said all the islands will be joining the ShopSmart scheme from next month. This will include the outer islands and I welcome their co-operation.

“In August I did the first ShopSmart comparison in the Torres Strait, and the basket of goods on Thursday Island cost \$90 compared to \$64 in Cairns.

“I’m very pleased that the Senate Select Committee on Rural and Regional Indigenous Communities has agreed to my request to hold a Senate inquiry next year into the Torres Strait,” Senator Boyce said.

ShopSmart is a simple and cheap initiative, using volunteer shoppers, to compare the cost of a basket of everyday goods across the State.

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