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Senator Sue Boyce Queensland

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PRICES JUMP FOR CHRISTMAS

Senator for Queensland, Senator Sue Boyce has released the December ShopSmart figures today.

“It seems that retailers have taken advantage of Christmas shopping as grocery prices went up across Queensland,” Senator Boyce said.

“The ShopSmart survey showed that on average, prices went up by \$1.65, on the basket of goods, with the biggest increase almost \$4.00.

“This month saw a varied shift in grocery prices, with some big increases, and some decreases, but the majority of stores increased prices, no doubt to take advantage of extra shopping over Christmas.

“This month, Coles at Upper Mt Gravatt had the cheapest basket with \$63.77 and the highest was in Warana on the Sunshine Coast. The average basket price for December was \$65.93.

“The Torres Strait communities continue to pay high prices for their groceries paying more than \$24 more than the average for the same or similar basket of goods.

“I hope the Senate enquiry into cost of living pressures, that I requested, and the promise of a House of Representatives enquiry into IBIS stores in the Torres Strait, will go some way toward helping the people in the Torres Strait with spiralling costs and prices,” Senator Boyce said.

ShopSmart can be accessed at - www.shopsmart.sueboyce.com.au

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