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Senator Sue Boyce
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February ShopSmart

Gladstone has the cheapest basket of goods in Queensland according to the ShopSmart website.

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

“This month, Woolworths in Gladstone had the cheapest basket with \$62.68 and the highest was at Coles in the Myer Centre at \$70.72. The average basket price for February was \$65.73,” Senator Boyce said.

“The ShopSmart survey showed that, on average, the basket cost went up by 45 cents with the biggest increase \$3.34.

“One factor that we tend to overlook in regional Queensland, at least, is the availability of groceries. This month due to road closures in Ingham many towns in North Queensland started to run out of items.

“In Cairns, I know that groceries and mail had to be barged in from Townsville.

“These are just some of the issues that flood victims have to cope with, and of course it means that a lot of primary producers in the North will have had crops destroyed.

“We will see an increase in fruit and vegetable prices over the coming months due to the natural disasters in North Queensland and Victoria.

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

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