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Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 9
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Question No. 580

MS LEANNE CASTLEY MLA: To ask the Treasurer

1. Does the Government monitor and compare fuel prices in the ACT.

2. To what degree are fuel prices in the ACT adversely affected by Territory excises or other taxation.

3. What measures is the Government taking to stabilise or reduce fuel prices.

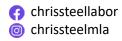**CHRIS STEEL MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Yes.

2. The Commonwealth has the sole Constitutional capacity over excise. The Commonwealth excise on petrol and diesel increased on 4 August 2025 to 51.6 cents per litre. While fuel retailers pay Territory taxes (such as general rates and payroll tax) like other businesses, these are only a small proportion of the overall costs of fuel retailing and do not materially impact the price of fuel in the ACT.

3. The ACT Government has partnered with the NSW Government to provide Canberra motorists access to a free online tool that provides real-time fuel pricing for every service station in the ACT through FuelCheck.

    It provides transparency in the market and allows consumers to easily search the best option based on their vehicle needs. This transparency supports price competition.

    In August 2025, Canberra motorists were able to save on average 25.3 cents per litre on standard unleaded, 12.8 cents per litre on premium unleaded; and 29 cents per litre on diesel, by using the FuelCheck app to shop around.

    Along with giving motorists the capacity to save, FuelCheck also allows users to see information on when the best day of the week to buy, and to receive alerts on when prices drop at favourite stations.

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Chris Steel MLA
Treasurer   Date: 23/9/25

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