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SENATE CANDIDATES GO HEAD-TO-HEAD ON POVERTY

Tomorrow, Thursday 18 October, the ACT Council of Social Service (ACTCOSS) will host a Senate Candidates Forum, giving candidates from the Liberal, Labor and Greens parties the opportunity to outline their commitment to reducing poverty and disadvantage in the ACT. The event is being held as part of Anti-Poverty Week, and seeks to invite candidates to demonstrate their commitment to reducing poverty.

The Forum, attended by representatives from ACT community sector organisations and interested members of the public, will give the audience an opportunity to quiz the potential senators on their parties' policies to combat social exclusion and improve social equity in the ACT. The event follows statistics released on Monday by ACTCOSS showing that 13.6% of ACT households fall in the lowest income quintile nationally.

"There is real poverty in the ACT, and we call on all ACT representatives to work to reduce the level of disadvantage in our community," commented Ara Cresswell, ACTCOSS Director. "This Forum gives Canberrans the opportunity to hear the commitments of their potential representatives in the Australian Senate to inform their vote next month."

Event Details

Time: 9:30am, Thursday 18 October 2007
Venue: Functions Room, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, North Building, Civic Square, London Cct, Civic (opposite the Legislative Assembly)
Speakers: Senator Kate Lunday, Australian Labor Party
Senator Gary Humphries, Liberal Party of Australia
Ms Kerrie Tucker, Australian Greens

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