

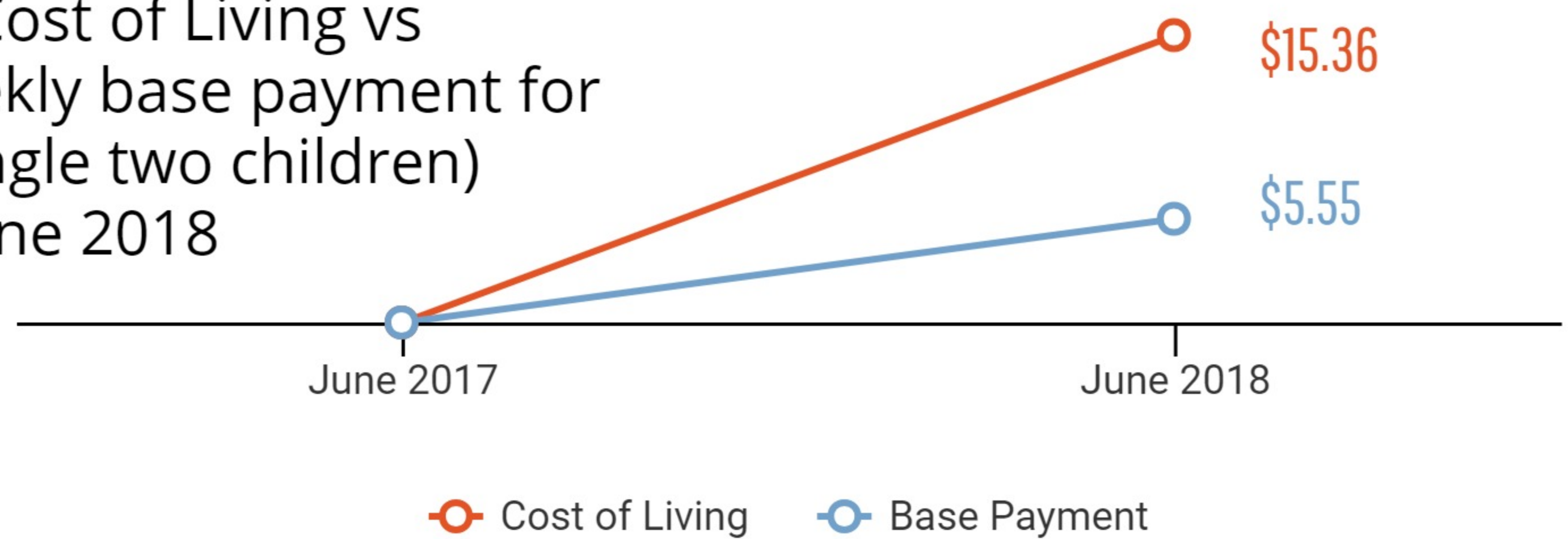


# Fact Sheet

Northern Territory Council of Social Service

## Cost of Living September 2018

**\$ increase** of weekly Cost of Living vs  
**rate of growth** of weekly base payment for  
Newstart, FTB A&B (single two children)  
between June 2017- June 2018



**\$75**



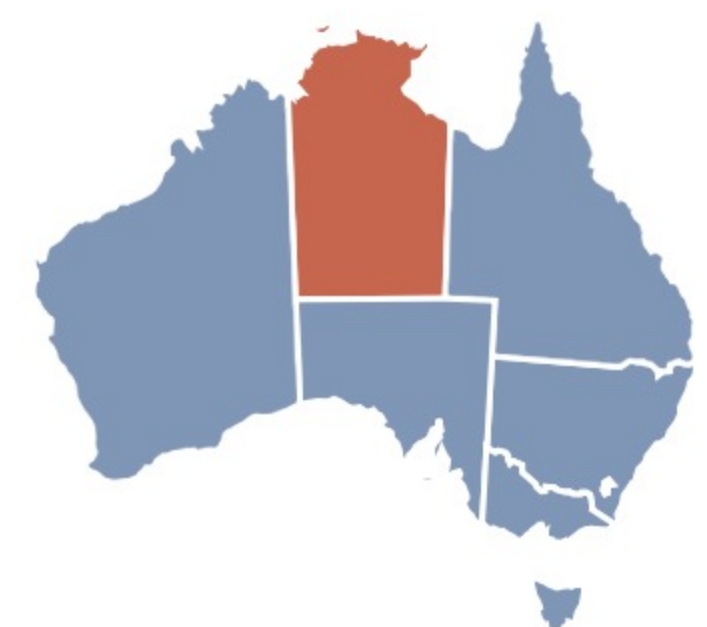
The amount per week we urge the federal government to increase Newstart by

(Newstart recipients currently receive \$39 per day)

**\$58 million**

The increase per year to NT income if Newstart and Youth Allowance rates are raised

The only state/territory jurisdiction that **does not** offer electricity concessions to all Centrelink Health Care Card holders



**11.1%**



**Decrease** in cost of audio/visual and computing equipment in Darwin in past 12 months (Compared to 9.0% for Australia)

**Increase** in insurance costs in Darwin in past 12 months

(Compared to 5.4% for Australia)

**4.4%**



**10.3%**

**Decrease** in cost of vegetables in Darwin in past 12 months (Compared to 8.7% for Australia)

**Decrease** in cost of rents in Darwin in past 12 months

(Compared to an increase of 0.6% for Australia)

**5.8%**

