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There should be no increase in this fare as it enables these customers, who have a limited income stream, to take part in community activities which in turn improves their health and thus indirectly reduces the costs to the government in providing health treatments.

In addition self funded seniors are extremely active and when on outings provide a reliable source of income to the business sector with their expenditure which in turn provides a benefit to the State economy all year round.

The flow on benefits of this reduced fare scheme, to this section of the community, are far more beneficial to the Government than any, relative, small increase achieved.

In addition this section of the community have generally been very hard working and loyal people to this country and this small "concession" is a very fitting reward for their efforts in the community over many years.

The Government should be mindful that many seniors are still actively involved in "working" as carers of grandchildren, ill partners as well as volunteer work. All of which helps the Government's bottom line.

I believe that no one should begrudge these people a discounted travelling concession.

Thank you