



Pre-Budget Survey – What do you think are the most important issues for 2027 Budget?

Your answers will feed into Pre-Budget Submissions to Government that truly represents the lived experiences of older people. Please complete before 8th May 2026. Those returning paper surveys please post to ISCP, c/o Office, 1 Willie Bermingham Place, Kilmainham Lane, Dublin 8 D08 DP8P or email copy to development@seniors.ie

1. Which of the following most closely matches your source of income?

- Retired – Occupational Pension only
- Retired – State Pension Contributory (SPC) only
- Retired – Combined Occupational Pension & SPC
- Retired – Non-Contributory (Means Tested) State Pension
- Working
- Carer of adult relative

2. Which of the following areas has the cost-of-living increases impacted you the most? (Rank with 1 being most impactful)

- Food and Grocery shopping
- Ability to pay utility bills
- Ability to run a car
- Purchasing seasonal clothing (e.g., Winter coat, boots)

3. Have you been under pressure to give up any of the following in the past year? (Choose more than one)

- Social events / meeting others socially
- Weekend break / holiday
- Membership of group / supporting a cause

4. Have you applied for any of these additional Department of Social Welfare allowances?

- Household Benefits Package
- Fuel Allowance
- Living Alone Increase
- Supplementary Welfare

5. Are you on a waiting list for GP / Doctor / Dental / Optician/ Audiologist or other therapies?

- Yes
- No

6. Do you have? (Choose more than one)

- General Medical Card
- Over 70's GP only Medical Card
- None

7. Do you have Private Medical Insurance?

- Yes
- No

**8. What is your average monthly spend on medical items?
(appointments, prescriptions, medical supplies etc)**

- Under €50 €50–€100 More than €100

9. What are your living arrangements?

- I own my home – mortgage free
- I own my home – still paying mortgage / local authority loan
- Owned by the Local Authority – paying rent
- I rent from private landlord
- I rent from housing association
- I live with relatives

10. For those paying towards housing costs, has your mortgage or rent increased since the last budget?

- Yes No

11. Have you or someone you know aged 65+ rented out a room in their home to help pay bills?

- Yes No

12. How often do you use public transport?

- Daily Weekly Monthly

13. Do you drive a car?

- Yes No

14. If public transport was easier to access would you use it?

- Yes No

**15. Have you recorded your wishes for future care formally?
(Enduring Power of Attorney, Advanced Healthcare Directive)**

- Yes No

16. Which option best describes where you live?

- Rural area (less than 1,500 people)
 Town (1,500 people or more)
 City

17. Please select your gender

- Female
 Male
 Other
 Prefer not to say

18. Indicate your age group

- Under 60
 61-70
 71-80
 81-90
 90+

19. Is there anything this survey does not cover that is important to you?
