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## **MLA Hosts Free Tax Help For Disadvantaged**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton, encouraged members of the community who earn less than \$50,000 to utilise the free Tax Help Centre that will operate from his Electorate Office between 1 July and 31 October 2011 to complete their annual tax returns.

"I am very pleased to be able to offer this free service for the third year to assist people on low incomes to complete their tax returns in a confidential one-on-one meeting with a trained Tax Help volunteer," said Dr Nahan.

"The Tax Help programme, which is run by the Australian Taxation Office, is ideal for people on low incomes, including students, or for people who are completing their tax returns for the very first time."

Dr Nahan said local resident Mr Osmund Perera will be the Tax Help volunteer operating from his office and for the first time, Mr Perera would be undertaking the process using e-tax.

"Mr Perera, who has been undertaking this role for the last seven years, is a very experienced Tax Help volunteer. Each year, he undertakes an accreditation test to ensure that he is well equipped to offer assistance," said Dr Nahan.

"The Australian Taxation Office has provided Mr Perera with a laptop and internet access to enable him to electronically process people's claims and to immediately submit their completed tax claims for processing."

"While Tax Help volunteers across Australia help more than 70,000 people each year to meet their personal tax obligations, they are unable to help with business tax returns, partnerships and trust matters, capital gains tax or rental property issues as these are more complex tax matters that require specialist assistance."

To book a confidential appointment with Mr Perera to access the free Tax Help program or if you would like information about the service please call Dr Nahan's office on 9457 1282.

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