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To THE COMMITTEE ON FAMILY
COMMUNITY, CARER'S ect

I recieved today after
writing, ON 23RD JANUARY 2008
to Jenny Macklin MP. I, am
on, the Disability Pension. I
also, am a, Full time carer, at
my home, for an, old friend. He
has, chronic deabilities and his
memory, is going and he, has
started, to wet, himself. He is
73 years old and I'm 56 years
old. My complaint, is why, is
the, fortnightly carer allowance, is

\$100, which is, an insult to, all carer's. If, the government had, to look, after, all, the people, which we, the carer's do, it would, cost, the, government a, fortune. But, we carer's do, what we, do because, we care. It, is about, time the carer allowance fortnightly, is, increased to, at least, \$250. That, would help, pay for, all the, extra's that we, have to, pay for, out of, our pension's. Which, we cannot, keep up, because then we, go without, things we, need, for our selves. Also, why do, some people, who chose to go, on the, carer's pension

get, \$1,000 Bonus. But, people like, myself stay, on our disability pension's, only get, \$600, it is unfair. Myself, I look, after my friend, 24 hours, 7 days a week, all through, the year. So, why are, we treated, different we, do the, same as, a person on, a carer's pension. The government, should send, out forms, to see, exactly what, we do, then maybe, they will, change this, rule. Also, because I, do not, have a, home internet connection, I don't, get the \$132 a year. Telephone allowance. So, one gets, \$88 year and the other, gets \$132, it unbelievable

Who, make up, these stupid rules. Also, when are, the old aged pension's, going to get a, ~~new~~ descent pension. living costs, are going, through the roofs. The, pension should be, at least, \$700 a fortnight it is only, a \$150 increase. Also, the disability pension should, ~~be~~ also be, \$700 a fortnight. When, you pay, rent Hydro, Phone, medications travel costs. Believe, me there is, not much, left for, food Kevin RUDD, being LABOR PRIMITIVE should, know better, we all thought, he was, going to, be our Saviour, for help. But, it dosent, look like, it

Regards 