

Submission

Dear Secretary,

Submission No. 373

A.O.C. 2/7/08
(Inq into better support for carers)

I have been my husband's carer for several years. He suffers from Familial Spastic Paraplegia which is a progressive disease handed down from his mother's side of the family.

He had to retire from work as a Station master in 1978 & his physical ability has gradually deteriorated since then, in various stages.

He is now confined to a wheel chair & I push him wherever he wants to go.

We do manage fairly well with much assistance from Stiritus nursing service as he is a high-care patient.

I cannot help him much physically because I have severe osteoporosis & arthritis.

If you were wishing to helping him further, I would like to suggest an electric wheel chair.

Yours sincerely

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