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(Inq into better support for carers)

Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing & Youth

Committee Secretary

although disabled + worn out
myself, I provide emotional +
when necessary, physical support
for a mother⁽⁵⁾ in Qld with a
terminal illness + a daughter⁽⁴²⁾ in
Melbourne who has bipolar
mental illness.

I am a self-funded retiree +
struggle financially when I
need to travel + provide
income when my daughter
doesn't work - she's a full
time employer. + when my
mother needs extra care. She
on a pension.

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AustralianSuper

I contribute to society by taking financial care of these people, esp. my daughter so they don't become a burden on the state.

When I fully receive & access \$2 of centrelink money it would be helpful if I could claim some of my caring outlay as a rebate.

I also think the "gifting" provisions should be adaptable if the money is to pay for expenses incurred because I'm paying for a loved one with a major disability.

Commonwealth Cares

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AustralianSuper

provide me with a
valuable counselling
service + I commend
the government for this.

In conclusion, I stress the
things that most affect
me about being a carer
are ① the financial struggle
+ ② my tiredness.

Maybe you can help
with ①

Yours sincerely

Mervyns

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