

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 348**

**Topic:** Carer Eligibility – 25 Hour Rule

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

At the previous estimates (Outcome 5 Q110) they told us that there was no evaluation done. Why has there not been any evaluation?

**Answer:**

Carer Payment and its eligibility rules are designed to provide income support to people who provide constant care in the home of the person being cared for. Of those people receiving carer payment who work, study or attend training, 98 per cent do so for less than 15 hours per week”