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Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Wright asked:

What will the financial impact be, over the forward estimates, of the budgeted changes to the DSP and the Carers' payment, for a young person who is in receipt of the DSP and whose parent is their full-time carer?

Answer:

There are no changes to the indexation arrangements for Disability Support Pension rates for recipients aged under 21 years, who do not have dependent children. These rates are currently indexed to changes in the CPI, and the effective date of indexation is 1 January each year.

The change to indexation arrangements for Carer Payment will not occur until September 2017.