

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 115

Topic: Income Support for Carers

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Senator Siewert asked:

Could you provide a list that highlights the financial impacts upon a carer being moved onto Newstart, in terms of payment rates, assets test, income test, Rent Assistance, concessions and supplements etc?

Can you provide the Committee with any evaluations that the Department has undertaken into this problem?

Answer:

Table 1 at **Attachment A** shows the payment rates, income and assets tests, and concession entitlements for full rate of Carer Payment and full rate of Newstart Allowance.

The rates of Rent Assistance are the same for Carer Payment and Newstart Allowance.