

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Disability Care Load Assessment (Child) Determination – assessor flexibility

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Senator Siewert asked:

How much flexibility does the assessor have to make determinations on factors that may not be captured by the questionnaire?

Answer:

In the Disability Care Load Assessment (Child) Determination if the Secretary, whose authority is delegated to the assessor, is not satisfied that a completed questionnaire is an accurate reflection of the functional ability, behaviour and special care needs, the assessor may, after discussion with either the Carer or the Treating Health Professional, amend the answers for any of the questions if it is deemed that a question has been missed or misinterpreted.