

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

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Senator Siewert asked:

What changes have been made to the provisions in the Disability Care Load Assessment (Child) Determination?

Answer:

From 1 July 2009 the Disability Care Load Assessment (DCLA) was implemented to assess eligibility for Carer Payment (child).

From 1 July 2010 the DCLA was implemented to assess eligibility for Carer Allowance (child).

In both instances the DCLA replaced the Child Disability Assessment Tool (CDAT). The CDAT focused on functionality while the DCLA focuses on the level of care being provided by the carer. No changes have been made to the DCLA since its introduction.