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Social Security Legislation Amendment (Improved Support for Carers) Bill 2009

On 19 March 2009 the Senate, on the recommendation of the Selection of Bills Committee, referred the provisions of the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Improved Support for Carers) Bill 2009 to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 7 May 2009. The Committee has been requested to examine the provisions of the Bill to ensure that they adequately meet the needs of carers.

The Bill may be accessed via the link: Legislation and documentation relating to the Bill

The Committee invites you to provide a written submission addressing issues that may be of relevance to you. The submission should be lodged by 20 April 2009. The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document – email: community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au – otherwise by fax (02 6277 5829).

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Publication of submissions includes loading them onto the internet and their being available to other interested parties including the media. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are covered by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not protected. Information relating to Senate Committee inquiries, including notes to assist in the preparation of submissions for a Committee, can be located on the Internet at http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm

Should you require further information please contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 3515.