

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 5

**Question No:** 88

**Topic:** Carer Supplement

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**Senator Furner** asked:

Can you provide a flowchart that shows how it is possible for a carer to get more than one payment per year?

**Answer:**

Carer Supplement is paid in July each year. To qualify for the supplement in a given year, a carer must be in receipt of Carer Allowance and/or Carer Payment or Carer Service Pension for the period that includes 1 July of that year.

The \$600 Carer Supplement is paid to recipients of Carer Allowance for each person they care for and an additional \$600 Carer Supplement is paid to recipients of Carer Payment or Carer Service Pension. Carers who receive both Carer Allowance and Wife Pension or Partner Service Pension are also paid an additional \$600 Carer Supplement.

See **Attachment A** for a payment flow chart.