

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: SQ15-000925

Outcome Number: 5.1 Disability Mental Health and Carers Programme

Topic: Young Carers

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Senator Moore, Claire asked:

1. Can the Department please advise of any recent changes to respite care for young carers and any limitations with flexibility for respite care?
2. What happens to young carers eligibility to access respite services once they turn 18 years of age if they are still full time students?

Answer:

1. The Department of Social Services (the Department) recently made changes to the Young Carers Activity Operational Guidelines to ensure the Young Carers Activity directly benefits the student and their educational outcomes. There have been no amendments to the respite component of the programme or limitations with flexibility of respite care.
2. Young Carers who are 18 years of age (and completing secondary school) will continue to be eligible to access the respite and education support component of the Young Carers Activity.