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Submissions sought for inquiry into respite care.
Due by March 26, 2010.

The Standing Committee on Health, Community, and Social Services,
Chair of Committee, Steve Doszpot.
The Legislative Assembly, London Circuit, Canberra, 2600

[REDACTED]
I am the son of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a Disability Aged Pensioner currently domiciled at
[REDACTED] ACT 2605.

[REDACTED] is an ACT Housing owned property.

[REDACTED] pays rent to Housing ACT by subsidized deduction direct from
her Centrelink Pension.

[REDACTED] following an operation for the removal of a heart embolism
suffered dementia and physical immobility such that she needs continual respite care.
I, being a trained and experienced carer, took over this care, giving up my former
occupation and accommodation for this purpose.

Although, after several months delay, I was awarded carers remuneration, this is
considerably less than my former earnings, which I was prepared to accept for my
mother's care, but additionally, even though my mother pays rent for her accommodation
Housing ACT also charges me for my accommodation thereat which is enforced due to
my care, which to me is a form of penalty levied on my care and double dipping, all at a
time when my full time attention should be dedicated to my care.

A simple waving of this duplicate accommodation rental would make a tremendous
difference to this duty which by its very act is a tremendous alleviation of cost to
Government Services which surely could be absorbed to help the financial burden of
being a carer.

These difficulties are on record with the respective authorities and have been mentioned
previously to them and to Government Representatives, without effective response.

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