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Your submission for this review:

I am a carer for a 5 year old girl who i have had in my care for over 4 years. I feel the carer allowance is not adequate and does not take into account rising costs including * increased interest rates for mortgages * increased prices on basic food items * increased cost of school uniforms * increased cost of fruit, vegetables and meat * increased cost of petrol The allowance has been the same since i started being a carer in 2020 with no increase to incorporate the cost of living and feel that an increase that is in par with rising living costs would be beneficial to carers. My little one does dancing 2 times a week and this comes out of my own pay (which i am not complaining about) I am also trying to save money for her for when she is older to pursue education, travel or a car. I feel that the funding that goes to the agency is not there for the carer and i often have been told for things i have asked for (when others have gotten furniture, start off financial assistance etc) DCJ are more generous with the child's funding opposed to NGO's. The money should sit in the account of the child not the agency.