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Your submission for this review:

The Carer allowance is supposed to cover:- 1. All costs incurred in feeding, clothing and housing a child in care. 2. The costs incurred for holidays for the child. 3. The costs incurred for the child's participation in school activities, excursions and sports. 4. The costs incurred for the child's participation in weekend sports. 5. Most medical expenses including the imposed annual aural, dental and optical checks. 6. All travel costs incurred in delivering the above. At \$318 per child per week IT SIMPLY DOES NOT!!! The rising costs of day to day living including fuel, consume the allowance just for 1. above. Since commencing full-time care of 2 siblings, I drive an additional 8,500 klms per year to cater for their schooling, medical appointments and sporting activities. The return trips for counsellors for 1 of the children alone amount to 215 klms per fortnight. Carers in regional areas of Australia should be paid an extra allowance to cover the greater distances they must travel to fulfill their Carer role.