

Department of Veterans' Affairs  
Ex-Service Organisation (ESO) Round Table

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Lovett Tower  
WODEN, ACT

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AGENDA ITEM 5(c)

**Respite care for carers of seriously/ terminally ill veterans**

Respite care for carers of seriously/terminally ill veterans(high care) who wish to remain in their own home.

Legislation allows for 196 hours per year which more than likely will be used up before the expiration of the year.

This can leave the carer with no respite hours available for as long as up to 2 months if more than the three and three quarter hours per week are taken.

PVA would like to see a change in legislation to increase these respite hours for carers whose veteran is assessed as high care and who wishes to remain in his own home.

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