

*Extract from letter from ATO, 6 May 2016, to Applicant (who was a supporter who resided in the person's home):*

“...The payments you received from [x] are taxable irrespective of the relationship between you and the person being cared for. We look at why the payments are being made to determine if they are assessable or not. Support/carer payments are assessable as they are paid for services provided.

You incurred expenses in carrying out your duties as a support worker/paid carer. However you may claim a deduction for these expenses where you have kept appropriate substantiation. Expenses that are private and domestic in nature, for example food and entertainment are not deductible.”