

So many of these providers/trades etc, etc ripping of the government (tax payers), charging 3 or 4 times the going rates for goods and services just because the government is paying for it. It all just means less of those who really need it are getting the services they require. For instance, a friend has home care and has been told to spend up all the money before the end of the year or you won't get as much next year (which means they will not get their cut out of it). Paid \$12,000 for a mobility scooter which is listed elsewhere for \$5000. Beds are \$4000 instead of \$1000. Reclining chairs \$5-8 thousand instead of 2 or 3 thousand. She has a 'gardener' come who is paid \$100 an hour to pull out 3 or 4 weeds in that time. I have cleaners come in (I say cleaners because they keep changing every time) and they do not even know how to do the simplest jobs and because of OH&S, we oldies have to move everything for them. Apparently they can't reach up above their shoulders or bend down and they are only 1/3 of our age. Told today they can't lift anything heavier than 11 kg - hate to think how they will get on when they have kids. I personally know that if any building work is done, the price is tripled. Our provider is doing so well that they are going into the insurance business on the profits - it has all become so ridiculous.