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The Hon Craig Emerson MP Member for Rankin

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Funding assists carers with respite services in Logan City

Member for Rankin, Craig Emerson welcomes announced one-off funding grants worth more than \$23 000 to provide further respite services at Multilink at Logan Central and Ozcare at Shailer Park.

‘Caring for someone full time is physically and emotionally demanding and carers need to be able to take deserved breaks,’ Mr Emerson said.

‘These one-off grants will improve and support respite services for carers in Logan Central and Shailer Park to cover costs such as minor building modifications or to purchase or replace equipment and furniture.’

The \$23 680 is part of \$6.8 million in one-off funding under the Australian Government’s commitment to carers through the National Respite for Carers Program, which is providing \$194 million in 2008-09.

Mr Emerson said, ‘I am pleased to see local organisations that deliver grass roots services funded in our area.’

The National Respite for Carers program funds more than 600 community-based respite services across Australia. It delivers services in a variety of settings – including carers’ homes, day centres and overnight cottages.

‘Carers throughout Logan City play an important role in Australian society. They dedicate so much to improve the quality of the lives of our nation’s elderly and for people with disabilities.’

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