

IT 2164 - Income tax: medical expenses: teletypewriter units

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CONCESSIONAL EXPENDITURE 159P
MEDICAL APPLIANCE
MEDICAL EXPENSES
TELETYPEWRITER UNITS

PREAMBLE

Teletypewriter units enable persons with severe speech or hearing disabilities to communicate via a telephone with other persons who possess similar units. Each unit contains a keyboard which is used to type messages to be sent via the telephone to which it is easily attached. Messages received over the telephone from the operator of a similar unit are printed by the receiving unit.

RULING

2. A teletypewriter unit is not accepted as a medical or surgical appliance within the meaning of sub-paragraph 159P(4)(f). It does not cure or alleviate a disability in a medical sense. Its function, as has been stated, is to enable persons with speech or hearing disabilities to communicate with other persons who possess similar units.

COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION
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