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NEW DIRECTORY HELPS OLDER PEOPLE TO FIND SERVICES

Minister for Ageing Justine Elliot today launched the *Directory of Services for Older People 2010*.

The free directory provides important information for older people and their families with chapters on accessing aged care, legal rights, finance and health.

The Rudd Government provides an extensive network of services that offer assistance to older Australians and their families and the directory will assist older Australians find the services that may best suit their needs.

Minister Elliot said: "Knowing what assistance is available from the government and where to go to get that assistance is very important for older Australians and their families.

"The directory is an easy to read source of information providing a brief summary of the service and its contact details to help people identify and contact the program or service that may be of greatest assistance to them.

"The directory also includes a chapter on services that help protect the rights of older people.

"The Rudd Government is committed to helping older people access the information they need to help them get the services they need, be it access to care, health choices and financial services," Minister Elliot said.

This year the directory has been printed with spiral binding allowing it to lay flat, larger type to make it easier to read and tabs to make finding the relevant section of the directory even easier.

Copies of the directory are available by contacting the Aged Care Information Line on 1800 500 853, by contacting a Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222, or through Centrelink offices.

An online version is available online on the Department of Health and Ageing website www.health.gov.au

Braille and audio versions on CD are also available by calling the Aged Care Information Line on 1800 500 853.

For more information, contact Mrs Elliot's office on (02) 6277 7280