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Tuesday, 27 February 2007

Community services: commonwealth state/territory disability agreement

25. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to the Commonwealth State Territories Disability Agreement (CSTDA) for 2002–03:

- (1) What was Victoria's revenue contribution for —
 - (a) CSTDA Base Funding;
 - (b) Bilateral Funding;
 - (c) Indexation and supplementation adjustment;
 - (d) Funding carried forward (from previous years); and
 - (e) Total revenue.

- (2) What was Victoria's expenditure for —
 - (a) Community Support;
 - (b) Community Access;
 - (c) Respite;
 - (d) Employment;
 - (e) Other Support Services;
 - (f) Administration; and
 - (g) Total expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the Commonwealth State Territories Disability Agreement (CSTDA) for 2002–03:

- (1) Victoria's revenue contribution for -
 - (a) The CSTDA Base Funding was \$672.0 million;
 - (b) The bilateral Funding was \$0;
 - (c) The indexation and supplementation adjustment was \$47.4 million;
 - (d) The funding carried forward (from previous years) was \$5.6 million; and
 - (e) Victoria's total revenue contribution was \$724.9 million.

Please note: The above revenue items exclude contributions from other sources.

- (2) Victoria's expenditure for—
 - (a) Community Support was \$94.9 million;
 - (b) Community Access was \$144.0 million;
 - (c) Respite was \$41.9 million;
 - (d) Employment was \$0;

- (e) Other Support Services was \$37.8 million;
- (f) Administration was \$70.2 million; and
- (g) Total expenditure was \$852.0 million

Community services: commonwealth state/territory disability agreement

26. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to the Commonwealth State Territories Disability Agreement (CSTDA) for 2003–04:

- (1) What was Victoria’s revenue contribution for —
 - (a) CSTDA Base Funding;
 - (b) Bilateral Funding;
 - (c) Indexation and supplementation adjustment;
 - (d) Funding carried forward (from previous years); and
 - (e) Total revenue.
- (2) What was Victoria’s expenditure for —
 - (a) Community Support;
 - (b) Community Access;
 - (c) Respite;
 - (d) Employment;
 - (e) Other Support Services;
 - (f) Administration; and
 - (g) Total expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the Commonwealth State Territories Disability Agreement (CSTDA) for 2003–04:

- (1) Victoria’s revenue contribution for the -
 - (a) CSTDA Base Funding was \$733.4 million;
 - (b) Bilateral Funding was \$0;
 - (c) Indexation and supplementation was \$40.6 million;
 - (d) Funding carried forward (from previous years) was \$7.8 million; and
 - (e) Total revenue was \$781.8 million

Please note: The above revenue items exclude contributions from other sources.

- (2) Victoria’s expenditure for–
 - (a) Community Support was \$125.6 million;
 - (b) Community Access was \$157.0 million;
 - (c) Respite was \$41.2 million;
 - (d) Employment was \$0;
 - (e) Other Support Services was \$35.0 million;
 - (f) Administration was \$75.4 million; and
 - (g) Total expenditure was \$915.7 million

Community services: commonwealth state/territory disability agreement

27. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to the Commonwealth State Territories Disability Agreement (CSTDA) for 2004–05:

- (1) What was Victoria’s revenue contribution for —
 - (a) CSTDA Base Funding;
 - (b) Bilateral Funding;
 - (c) Indexation and supplementation adjustment;
 - (d) Funding carried forward (from previous years); and
 - (e) Total revenue.

- (2) What was Victoria’s expenditure for —
 - (a) Community Support;
 - (b) Community Access;
 - (c) Respite;
 - (d) Employment;
 - (e) Other Support Services;
 - (f) Administration; and
 - (g) Total expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the Commonwealth State Territories Disability Agreement (CSTDA) for 2004–05:

- (1) Victoria’s revenue contribution for the -
 - (a) CSTDA Base Funding was \$812.9 million;
 - (b) Bilateral Funding was \$0;
 - (c) Indexation and supplementation was \$56.0 million;
 - (d) Funding carried forward (from previous years) was \$7.4 million; and
 - (e) Total Revenue was \$876.4 million.

Please note: The above revenue items exclude contributions from other sources.

- (2) Victoria’s expenditure for–
 - (a) Community Support was \$146.1 million;
 - (b) Community Access was \$165.9 million;
 - (c) Respite was \$46.5 million;
 - (d) Employment was \$0;
 - (e) Other Support Services was \$61.1 million;
 - (f) Administration was \$81.7 million; and
 - (g) Total expenditure was \$1,016.9 million

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Wednesday, 28 February 2007

Community Services: disability support register

- 10. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2006, how many of the people registered were aged —
- (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 to 44 years;
 - (e) 45 to 64 years; and
 - (f) 65 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) has replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) and records the current need for ongoing disability support.

The SNR data does not enable a response to the information requested in this question.

Community services: disability support register

- 11. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to people on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2006:
- (1) How many have a carer.
 - (2) How many do not have a carer.
 - (3) How many have their carer's age recorded.
 - (4) How many do not have their carer's age recorded.
 - (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) under 55;
 - (b) 55 to 65;
 - (c) 65 to 69; and
 - (d) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) has replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) and records the current need for ongoing disability support.

The SNR data does not enable a response to the information requested in this question.

Community services: community residential units

- 12. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: For the 6 months ending 30 June 2006:
- (1) How many people with disabilities obtained a place in a government managed community residential unit.
 - (2) How many people with disabilities obtained a place in a non-government managed community residential unit.
 - (3) How many of those persons were relocated from congregate care to a community residential unit.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This information is not currently available. The Department is in the process of implementing a new client information system that will provide more robust reporting for the future.

Community services: respite services

- 13. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: For the year ended 30 June 2006:
- (1) How many individuals received respite services.
 - (2) What was the Disability Services total expenditure for non-government managed facility-based respite.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The amount of respite accessed is recorded in the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2005–06.
- (2) The total expenditure for non-government managed facility-based respite services was \$40.8 million.

Community services: community participation

- 14. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to community participation and inclusion for people with disabilities at 30 June 2006, how many people were:
- (a) Clients with Day Activities; and
 - (b) Futures for Young Adults clients.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to community participation and inclusion for people with disabilities at 30 June 2006:

- (a) The number of clients with Day Activities is recorded in the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2005–06; and
- (b) The number of Futures for Young Adults clients is recorded in the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2005–06.

Community services: managed residential accommodation

15. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to Clients with Day Activities at 30 June 2006, how many of these people are also Disability Services residential accommodation clients, in —
- (a) government managed residential services; and
 - (b) non-government managed residential services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This information is not currently available. The Department is in the process of implementing a new client information system that will provide more robust reporting for the future

Community services: managed residential accommodation

16. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to Futures for Young Adults clients at 30 June 2006, how many of these people are also Disability Services residential accommodation clients, in —
- (a) government managed residential services; and
 - (b) non-government managed residential services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This information is not currently available. The Department is in the process of implementing a new client information system that will provide more robust reporting for the future

Community services: managed residential accommodation

17. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to Disability Services Specialist Services clients at 30 June 2006, how many of these people are also —
- (a) clients in government managed residential accommodation; and
 - (b) clients in non-government managed residential accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This information is not currently available. The Department is in the process of implementing a new client information system that will provide more robust reporting for the future

Community services: flexible care packages

18. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to flexible care packages for people with disabilities at 30 June 2006, how many people were in receipt of —
- (a) short-term assistance packages; and
 - (b) on-going assistance packages.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This information is not currently available. The Department is in the process of implementing a new client information system that will provide more robust reporting for the future

Community services: support services

19. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Community Services: For people with disabilities at 30 June 2006, how many people were in receipt of —

- (a) accommodation outreach support;
- (b) family options support;
- (c) flexible support packages;
- (d) home first;
- (e) individualised support packages;
- (f) shared supported accommodation; and
- (g) transitional accommodation support.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This information is not currently available. The Department is in the process of implementing a new client information system that will provide more robust reporting for the future

Community services: respite services

20. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Community Services: From the Disability Services quarterly Data Collection for 2004–05, how many carers in the age group of 65 years and above benefited from the respite funding provided by the Bilateral Agreement under the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the financial year 2004–05, a total of 680 aged carers were provided with respite services funded by the Bilateral Agreement under the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.

Community services: shared supported accommodation

21. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to people with disabilities and Shared Supported Accommodation at 30 June 2006:

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How much of the funding is the amount of Capital Asset Charge attributed to Secretary-owned accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding is a proportion of statewide corporate infrastructure costs attributed to Secretary-owned accommodation.
- (5) How much of the funding is revenue offsets applied to support the accommodation of residents.

- (6) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (7) How many people were residents in non-government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to people with disabilities and Shared Supported Accommodation at 30 June 2006:

- (1) The total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation was \$376.7 million.
- (2) The amount of funding provided for Department managed accommodation was \$236.8 million.
- (3) The amount of Capital Asset Charge attributed to the Residential Accommodation Support output for Secretary-owned accommodation was \$22.6 million.
- (4) The amount of Statewide corporate infrastructure costs attributed to the Residential Accommodation Support output was \$38.9 million.
- (5) The amount of funding that is revenue offsets applied to support the accommodation of residents was \$4.5 million.
- (6) This information is not currently available. The Department is in the process of implementing a new client information system that will provide more robust reporting for the future.
- (7) This information is not currently available. The Department is in the process of implementing a new client information system that will provide more robust reporting for the future.

Community services: operating and capital expenses

22. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: What were the Disability Services Division's total operating and total capital expenses in 2005–06.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Disability Services total operating expenses were \$999 million and total capital expenses were \$46.7 million for 2005-2006.

Community services: respite services

23. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: Further to the consideration in the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Report on the 2004–05 Budget Outcomes regarding people accommodated in respite beds awaiting suitable accommodation in an alternative setting at 30 June 2006, how many people accommodated in respite beds were requiring a permanent placement.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The figures for people accommodated in respite beds awaiting suitable accommodation in an alternative setting at 30 June 2006 are not available.

Community services: individualised planning and support advisory group

- 24. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to the Individualised Planning and Support (IP&S) Advisory Group that was established in late 2004 by the Department and Human Services, on which dates until 30 June 2006 did the Group meet in the period up to 30 June 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Individualised Planning and Support (IP&S) Advisory Group met on the following dates in the period up to 30 June 2006:

- 4 October 2004
- 29 November 2004
- 4 February 2005
- 11 February 2005
- 1 April 2005
- 3 June 2005
- 17 October 2005
- 9 December 2005
- 3 April 2006
- 30 June 2006

Community services: sector consultations

- 28. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to the implementation of the *Disability Act 2006* and sector consultations held for the development of Planning Policy:
- (1) On which dates, times and locations were sector consultations held.
 - (2) On which dates, times and locations were sector consultations held for families supporting persons with a disability.
 - (3) How many families supporting persons with a disability attended each sector consultation held for families supporting persons with a disability.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the implementation of the *Disability Act 2006* and sector consultations held for the development of Planning Policy:

- (1) The sector consultation forum was held from 10.30 am–1.00 pm on 30 October 2006, at Hotel Y, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.
- (2) The consultation forum for people with a disability, their families and carers was held from 10.30 am–12.30 pm on 16 October 2006, at Hotel Y, 489 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.
- (3) Approximately fifty individuals attended the sector consultation forum for people with a disability, their families and carers.

Water, environment and climate change: air monitoring

- 30. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change): In relation to the EPA's OPSIS air monitoring program:
- (1) Has benzene data been deleted from the reported results of the OPSIS air monitoring machine at Geelong Grammar School and if so —
 - (a) over what time period has this data been deleted; and
 - (b) what are the reasons for deleting such data.
 - (2) Does OPSIS equipment used to monitor air quality around the Shell refinery in Corio have accreditation from the National Australian Testing Authority and, if not what are the reasons for not requiring such an accreditation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) No. All data that meets the scientific quality parameters of the NATA accredited method has been reported.
- (2) EPA has NATA accreditation for monitoring air quality using OPSIS equipment.

