

POST-SCHOOL OPTIONS PROGRAM, FUNDING IN NORTH WEST

460. Mr L. Graham to the Minister for Disability Services

I refer to the recently announced Post School Options program-funding announcement and ask: -

- (a) how much of the proposed \$977,850 is to be spent on people in the North West of the State;
- (b) in which towns and communities will the funds be allocated;
- (c) who will be responsible for administering the funds; and
- (d) when will the funding commence in each town referred to above?

Ms S.M. McHALE replied:

- (a) The funding allocated to individuals living in the North West of the State for the 2002/03 financial year is \$34,650.
- (b) Those applicants who will be funded live in:
 - Geraldton – 5 individuals; and
 - Karratha – 1 individual.
- (c) The individuals approved for funding have selected the following service providers to administer their funding and to provide them with their support:
 - Geraldton Personnel Inc – selected by three individuals to manage their programs; and
 - Disability Services Commission, Country Services Coordination – three individuals selected Local Area Coordinators to assist them to self manage their funding and programs.
- (d) All individuals who have successfully received Post School Options, Alternatives to Employment funding will commence their service in early February 2003.