

DISABILITY SERVICES, SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION FUNDING

3. Dr E. Constable to the Minister for Disability Services
- (1) How many applications for supported accommodation funding were received by the Disability Services Commission in the last round of funding allocations?
- (2) How many applications referred to in (1) were successful in securing funding?
- (3) How many applications referred to in (1) were unsuccessful in securing funding?
- (4) How many people in (3) had previously applied for supported accommodation funding and been rejected -
- (a) once;
- (b) twice; and
- (c) more than twice?
- (5) What criteria were the successful applicants able to meet to ensure that they received supported accommodation funding?
- (6) Of the successful applications, what were the five most common criteria for funding being granted (for example, age of parents)?
- (7) What steps is the State Government taking to ensure that families whose applications qualify for support but are rejected solely because of lack of funding can cope with caring duties?

Mr R.C. KUCERA replied:

- (1) 240
- (2) 30
- (3) 206
- (4) (a) 43
(b) 20
(c) 104
- (5) The Independent Priority Assessment Panel determines those who are most in need of support by noting key aspects such as the level of care needed by the person and the ability of carers to continue to provide that care.
- (6) All individuals supported were from situations where the panel determined from the combination of factors listed previously that the person was among those most in need of support within the funds available. Additionally there were four children turning 18 who were in the care of the Department for Community Development and required ongoing support in their adult life.
- (7) Individuals are offered appropriate vacancies that occur within existing services. All individuals are requested to continue to liaise with their Local Area Co-ordinator or service provider for ongoing support and assistance to access existing funded and community based supports such as: Service based respite, Home and Community Care funding packages, Commonwealth carer support services, Commonwealth funded emergency respite services, and support through local government authorities.