

DISABILITY SERVICES, RESOURCING AND ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS

2089. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Education and Training

With respect to educating service providers, about their legal obligations and resourcing available resulting from the *Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act* -

- (1) What professional development has been provided to -
 - (a) District Offices;
 - (b) School Principals; and
 - (c) teachers,over the past 5 years?
- (2) What additional resourcing/assistance is available to schools and parents of children diagnosed with autism and ADHD?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

- (1)(a,b) Professional Development is provided through the Building Inclusive Schools Strategy and ongoing support from the Centre for Inclusive Schooling.
- (1)(c) Professional Development has commenced in 2005 for teachers through the Building Inclusive Classrooms Strategy. Ongoing support over the past five years has been provided from the Centre for Inclusive Schooling.
- (2) Services for students with autism are allocated \$1.22 million annually. Since 2000, the Department of Education and Training has provided resources, professional development and conferences aimed at increasing teacher knowledge of ADHD.