

GRASS ROOTS — ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT SERVICES

353. Hon SHELLEY ARCHER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services:

I refer to the parents association known as Grass Roots—Growing Intellectually Impaired People and its efforts to secure a facility that provides it with urgently needed collateral to assist in furthering its accommodation support services for people with intellectual disabilities.

- (1) Is the government aware that Grass Roots manages the Holiday Haven village, a respite facility located in the jarrah forest at Jarrahdale?
- (2) Has the government considered funding Grass Roots to purchase the Holiday Haven village so it can acquire a self-sufficient facility and thereby further its independent housing goals for people with intellectual disabilities?
- (3) If yes to (2), how much funding will the government provide?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The minister has provided the following answer —

- (1) Yes. The Grass Roots association contacted the office of the Minister for Disability Services on or about 28 August 2007.
- (2)-(4) Representatives from the group met with the Director General of the Disability Services Commission about the range of services offered by the group to people with disabilities. The director general requested that the group provide the commission with details about the range of services offered to people with disabilities. To date no further contact has been made with the commission. The commission provides and purchases services for eligible people with disabilities through its own services and through prequalified non-government organisations. These non-government organisations are responsible for the development of their own capital works and infrastructure from which services are provided.