

DISABILITY SERVICES — COMMUNITY AIDS AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

651. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Disability Services:

- (1) How many people with disability on Aged Care Plans currently receive assistance from the Community Aids and Equipment Program (CAEP)?
- (2) Of those in (1) how many people who receive CAEP assistance have disabilities due to polio?
- (3) How many times has the Minister exercised discretionary funding to assist people with disability on Aged Care Plans receive assistance through CAEP?
- (4) Is the Minister aware of a service gap between patients on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and Aged Care Funding, resulting in people with disability on Aged Care Plans being out of pocket for new assistance equipment such as electric wheelchairs?
- (5) What action is being taken to assist people with disability as outlined in (4)?

Mr D.T. Punch replied:

- (1)–(5) The Australian Government administers the Aged Care program, therefore the State Government has no visibility of this cohort.

Eligibility for CAEP is determined by criteria. Diagnosis is not one of the criteria; hence the number of people receiving CAEP due to polio is not recorded.