

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES — FEDERAL FUNDING

568. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services:

I refer to the minister's press release dated 30 May 2008 titled "Federal funding welcomed for people with disabilities" which states that \$88.4 million in federal funding has been secured to assist people with disabilities. As a result of this federal funding, how many additional people does the minister estimate will receive funding under the combined application process programs for supported accommodation, intensive family support and alternatives to employment in 2008-09 and 2009-10?

Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:

I thank Hon Donna Faragher for some notice of this question, to which I provide the response on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services. The minister has responded in the following terms.

As indicated in the press release, the \$88.4 million, when combined with the state government effort over the next four years, will assist approximately 2 000 people with accommodation support respite and family support. Specifically, it is estimated that the additional federal funding in 2008-09 will assist 102 people in accommodation support and 191 people in intensive family support. The commonwealth has not allocated funding to the states or territories for the alternatives to employment program. The commonwealth requires that the funding be expended on accommodation support and respite.

In 2009-10, it is estimated that the additional funding will assist 61 people in the accommodation support program and 115 people in the intensive family support program. The commonwealth has not allocated funding to the states or territories for the alternatives to employment program. The commonwealth requires that the funding be expended on accommodation support and respite.