

DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION, INCREASED CLEANING COSTS

595. Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Premier:

I refer the Premier to the State Government's policy on funding for people with disabilities.

- (1) Is the Premier aware of advice given to the Minister for Disability Services by the chief executive officer of the Disability Services Commission that in-house cleaning should not proceed on the basis that it would significantly increase costs by approximately \$400 000?
- (2) Is the Premier aware that the Minister for Disability Services has given conflicting answers publicly and in this Parliament, and what action has he taken over this matter?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (1)-(2) The Minister for Disability Services has responded to questions about this issue in the Parliament. I have complete confidence in her and the way that she is administering her portfolio on behalf of disabled people in Western Australia. Not only is the minister discharging her duties properly in the functioning of her agency - the Disability Services Commission - but also she is without doubt an outstanding advocate for disabled people in Western Australia.