

DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION, AUTISM FUNDING

333. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the Minister for Transport representing the Minister for Disability Services:

- (1) How many people seeking funding for children with autism have applied to the Disability Services Commission in each of the last three years?
- (2) Does the Disability Services Commission check how long applicants for funds have been resident in Western Australia?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1) The Disability Services Commission commenced a funded Autism Early Intervention programme on July 1 1998. In its first year of operation 169 children received funding and in its second year to June 30 2000, 216 children were funded.
  - (2) To be eligible for services or funding the person/family must be resident in Western Australia or be eligible for residency. The duration of residency is not a criterion.
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