



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE 2013/14 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Friday, 27 September 2013

Disability Services Commission

Hon Adele Farina MLC asked:

1. *I refer to Budget Paper No2 Volume 2 at page 550, "Spending Changes", line item Sustainable Funding and Contracting with the Not-for-Profit Sector – Component II, and ask*
 - a) *Will services previously delivered by the Disabilities Services Commission now be delivered by the Not-for-Profit Sector?*
 - b) *Has it already been determined which Not-for-Profit organisation will be providing the service and therefore receiving government funding?*
 - c) *If yes, how were these organisations selected?*
 - d) *If no, how will these organisations be selected?*
 - e) *What measures have been put in place to ensure the same levels of service are able to be provided by the Not-for-Profit sector as would be provided by the Government?*
 - f) *What mechanisms will be in place to ensure the outcomes achieved by these organisations continue to meet evolving community needs in the future?*
 - g) *Will any Not-for-Profit organisations in the South West region be recipients of any of these monies?*

Answer:

- a) Under the Delivering Community Services in Partnership policy only not-for-profit organisations can be allocated Component II sustainability funding.
- b) Agencies submitted Ministerially approved Agency Implementation Plans to the Department of Treasury in September 2012. These identified the budget required and factors influencing sustainability. Component II funding will be allocated in line with the areas identified in the Plan. The Disability Services Commission identified four areas, these being higher cost of services in rural and remote areas, higher costs associated with complex supports need and challenging behaviors, increased support needed due to changed needs and historical underfunding.
Component II is being allocated over two years - \$20,050,000 in 2013/14 and the remainder in 2014/2015. Allocations to the respective individuals and organisations are currently being finalised.
- c) Funding is being allocated according to the areas identified in its Agency Implementation Plan (see b. above).
Organisations in rural and remote Western Australia with new Service Agreements aligned with the Delivering Community Services in Partnership policy will receive Component II funding. Amounts have been informed using the Accessibility and Remoteness Index of Australia, which was also used in the National Disability Services

(WA) submission “Sustainability of disability services regional Western Australia – Supporting higher service delivery cost structures”.

Many individuals who meet the requirements as stated in ‘b’ above will receive funding to meet the cost or level of their support. The amounts have been identified through a range of means, including individual applications for additional funding, viability requests and discussions with service providers. Individual funding will be allocated to the organisations that individuals have chosen to provide their services.

The new service agreements that align with the Delivering Community Services in Partnership policy facilitate and enable disability sector organisations to deliver a range of diverse, innovative and flexible services to Western Australians with disability, their families and carers.

- d) Not applicable.
- e) Component II funding is one aspect of the Government’s commitment to ‘Putting the Public First’ to ensure the viability of the community sector.
- f) Service Agreements with organisations have reporting requirements that must be met. These include having an individual service plan in place with each individual that identifies the goals an individual wants to achieve and the strategies to achieve it. Specific measures of achievement are currently being developed for individual plans. A Quality Management Framework is in place, through which independent evaluators evaluate each organisation every three years. Through meetings, the evaluators ascertain the views of people who use the service. In addition, an annual customer survey is undertaken that provides information about people’s experience with services.
- g) Yes.

Approved.
Stuart Morrison

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2. *I refer to Budget Paper No2 Volume 2 at page 550, "Spending Changes", line item Free ACROD Parking Permits, and ask –*
- a) *How many ACROD Parking Permit holders reside in the South West region?*
 - b) *How many ACROD Parking Permit Holders are there in Western Australia?*

Answer:

2.

- (a) 2907
- (b) 65,025



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3. I refer to Budget Paper No2 Volume 2 at page 550, "Appropriations, Expenses and Cash Assets", line item Total Appropriations, and ask –
- a) How many people with a disability are participating in the My Way programmes at the Lower South West site?
 - b) What is the total cost of the My Way programme being delivered at the Lower South West site for 2013/14?
 - c) What is the total cost to the State Government of the My Way programme being delivered at the Lower South West site for 2013/14?
 - d) When will the My Way programme be expanded beyond the current four sites?

Answer:

- 3.
- (a) 422.
 - (b) The Lower South West 2013/14 budget is \$6,763,420. \$5,341,948 is allocated to direct grants to people with disability, families and carers.
 - (c) \$6,763,420
 - (d) To be determined. A decision will be made based on the outcome of the independent evaluation of the two year launch of the NDIS in WA.

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4. *I refer to Budget Paper No2 Volume 2 at page 550, "Spending Changes", line item Young People in Residential Aged Care Program, and ask –*
- a) *Are any supported accommodation options for younger people with a disability who are at risk of entering or currently reside in aged care facilities planned for the South West region?*
 - b) *Will these supported accommodation options be available to younger people who acquire a disability as a result of accident, trauma or misadventure?*

Answer:

- 4.
- a) The best and most appropriate option will be developed for any younger person with disability at risk of entering or currently residing in residential aged care, regardless of where they live in Western Australia.
 - b) Yes, if they are at risk of entering or are currently residing in residential aged care. However, it is likely there would be discussion if a National Injury Insurance Scheme is introduced in Western Australia.



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5. *I refer to Budget Paper No2 Volume 2 at page 556, "Asset Investment Programme", line item New Works, and are any new Emergency Accommodation or Community Residential Accommodation facilities planned for the South West region and if yes, where will they be located?*

Answer:

5.

No

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6. *I refer to Budget Paper No2 Volume 2 at page 550, "Spending Changes", line item Public Sector Workforce Reform and ask -*
- a) *Will the planned Public Sector Workforce Reforms resulting in any reduction of FTE staff employed by the Disabilities Services Commission?*
 - b) *If yes, will any of those reductions in staff occur in the South West region?*
 - c) *How many FTE staff are currently employed in the South West region?*

Answer:

- 6.
- a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) 23.8 FTE

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