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Federal government family violence partnership program

DR FOSKEY: To ask the Children Youth & Family Services –In relation to the Federal Government Family Violence Partnership Program:

Referring to my QON on 3 May 2006, your answer to my QON says that the ACT Government was not successful in its application to the Federal Government Family Violence Partnership Program because, to quote FACSIA, "the proposal was assessed against others in the context of the resources available during the round of funding and the Department is unable to provide funding at this time."

1. Can you please outline further why the ACT Government was unsuccessful?

2. Was the ACT Government's application late in the process

3. What did the ACT Government propose to do with this funding?

4. As FACSIA was "unable to provide funding at this time" will the ACT Government follow up the application at a later stage and/or make another application at a later date?

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

1. No, the ACT Government's application was assessed against criteria set by the Australian Government and in my response to your Question on Notice of 3 May 2006, I provided you with the advice received from the Australian Government in respect to the application.

2. No, the application was submitted within timeframes agreed during consultation between the ACT and the Australian Government.

3. The proposal outlined in the application had three elements:

    a) a community development component to increase awareness of family violence and encouraging the development of mentoring and peer support arrangements in the local Indigenous community;

    b) an intensive family support component targeting Indigenous families at the front end of the care and protection system; and

    c) an intensive case management component working with Indigenous children and young people with high and complex needs.

4. The ACT Government is continuing to consult with the Australian Government on potential funding proposals under the Family Violence Partnership Program and may submit an application for funding assistance when the Australian Government announces a further funding round.

130 Disability and Community Deb Foskey

Future directions for Disability ACT 2004-2008

DR FOSKEY: To ask the Disability and Community Services – in relation to the implementation of 'Future Directions for Disability ACT 2004-2008':

(1) What is the likely impact of the mass reorganisation of the ACT Education System, including the closure of 39 schools, on the priority action of implementing a Community Inclusion Program.

(2) What would the impact be on disability services and clients of the amalgamation of the Disability and Community Services Commissioner with the Children and Young People Commissioner ?

(3) ISP's are one of the priorities of Future Directions for 2004-08. More than 21,000 hours were added for ISPs in 2005-06, but they were not carried into 2006-07. (BP4 p195).
   a) Why was this only a temporary transfer?
   b) On what basis can it be assumed that the 21,000 of additional ISP hours will not be needed in 2006-07?

MINISTER GALLAGHER:

1) The Community Inclusion Program refers to Disability ACT's broad community awareness work and includes the management of the Chief Minister's Inclusion Awards and engagement with the business and arts community on behalf of people with a disability. The Disability Advisory Council has recently launched a *Disability Ambassadors in Schools* program to raise disability awareness in schools.
   The inclusion program will not be affected by the proposed reorganisation of the ACT education system, where support for students with a disability is determined by their needs rather then their location.

   The families of students in learning support centres or units in schools potentially affected by the proposal have already been contacted to ensure that any possible changes are well managed in partnership with families.

2) The amalgamation of the Disability and Community Services Commissioner with the Children and Young People Commissioner will have a positive impact given that there is a significant overlap of issues between the two portfolios for people with a disability.

3) (a) and (b) The 21,000 hours of non-recurrent Community Access relates to a short term contract with a community organisation and is not associated with individuals ISPs.

138 Disability and Community Zed Seselja

Office of Children, Youth and Family Services

ZED SESELJA: To ask the Minister for Children and Youth–In relation to the Office for Children, Youth and Family Support:

1. What were the total costs associated with the establishment of the Office of Children, Youth and Family Services in May 2004?
2. What were the total costs associated with the transfer of the Office to the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services?
3. What are the projected costs of integrating the Office into the Department as a result of the 2006-07 Budget?
4. What was the total authorised staffing level for the Office
    a. When it was established in May 2004?
    b. When it was transferred to the department?
    c. As a result of the changes proposed in the 2006-07 Budget?
5. Where will the projected staff cuts of 41 occur within the department in 2006-07?

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

1. The costs of implementing the Vardon recommendation to reduce the number of locations of OCYFS staff to one or two sites. These costs include the fit-out ($6.68 m) and rent ($2.4m pa) associated with the centralisation of staff at 11 Moore St, Canberra City.

2. No additional costs were incurred when the OCYFS was transferred to the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services.

3. There are no projected costs associated with integrating the OCYFS into the Department as a result of the 2006-07 Budget.

4. a) The total authorised staffing level for the Office when it was established in May 2004 was 313.61 FTE.

   b) The total authorised staffing level for the Office when it was transferred to the department was 383.17 FTE.

   c) The total authorised staffing level for the Office as a result of the proposed in the 2006-07 Budget is 378 FTE.

5. The answer to this question was detailed during the Committee's hearing on 29 June 2006.

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Funding for youth related services

ZED SESELJA: To ask the Minister for Children and Youth – In relation to funding of youth related services:

1. What grants will the ACT Grantlink Portal co-ordinate or represent?
2. Will the grants available in 2005-06 to youth related services be offered at the same level in 2006-07?
3. With the transfer of the Community Inclusion Fund from the Chief Ministers Department to the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services, Will the grants available in 2005-06 to youth related services be offered at the same level in 2006-07?
4. The Gungahlin Regional Community Service applied unsuccessfully for a Grant over three years on two successive occasions ($125,000 in 2004 and $150,000 in 2005). The funds applied for were for a positive parenting program for young people, including a future parents component, a young parents playgroup and a peer support education program. Why was this application unsuccessful?
5. Is any priority given to youth services in making grants from the Community Inclusion Fund?
6. What level of Government funding is provided to the Youth Coalition?
7. What has the annual allocation of funds by the Department been in 2004-05; 2005-06; 2006-07 for
    a. Belconnen Youth Centre
    b. Gugan Gulwan Aboriginal centre Erindale
    c. Gungahlin Youth Centre
    d. Majura Youth Centre Dickson
    e. Mura-Lanyon Youth Centre
    f. Tuggeranong Youth Resources
    g. Weston Creek Youth centre
    h. Woden Youth Centre
    i. Youth in the City
8. What principles are applied in determining the annual allocation of funds to individual youth services?

9. What other sources of funding, grants etc do the Youth Services have access to?
10. What level of funds have been provided from these sources to each of the services listed above for 2004-05; 2005-06; 2006-07?

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

Question 1 The Grants Portal will include information on all ACT Government Grants Programs.

Question 2: The Government has asked for a detailed submission to be prepared in relation to the Health and Community Wellbeing Grants Program, and the amounts of funding available under the Program will be made known after the Government has considered that proposal.

Question 3: See the answer to Question 2.

Question 4: Unsuccessful applicants to the Community Inclusion Fund are offered debriefing sessions in relation to their applications.
The Gungahlin Regional Community Service took the opportunity to participate in these discussions in both 2004 and 2005. It would be inappropriate to publicly provide details of the comparisons undertaken of applications in a competitive grants process.

Question 5: See the answer to Question 2.

Question 6: The Youth Coalition is funded through a three-year Service Funding Agreement as part of the Youth Services Program $289,825.54 (GST inclusive) per annum. The Youth Coalition is also funded $18,336.25 (GST inclusive) for National Youth Week with an additional $11,000 administered through the Department from the National Youth Week program in FACSIA. Two one-off payments were made during 2005/06:

- $15,000 one-off grant through DHCS for a Youth Conference in 2006; and
- Canberra Community Grants Program 2006 $10,000 for National Youth Week 2006.

Information on other sources of government funding would need to be obtained through the individual departments.

Question 7: The annual allocation of funding from the Youth Services Program by the Department to the specified services is as follows:

Service	**2004-05 (GST inclusive)**	**2005-06 (GST inclusive)**	**2006-07 (GST inclusive)**
Belconnen Youth Centre	$395,220.61	$405,101.12	$420,089.87
Gugan Gulwan Aboriginal Youth Centre	$140,011.61	$143,511.90	$148,821.84
Gungahlin Youth Centre	$187,919.53	$192,617.52	$199,744.37

Majura Youth Centre	$102,716.49	$105,284.41	$109,179.93
Mura Lanyon Youth Centre	$150,654.54	$154,420.90	$160,134.48
Tuggeranong and Weston Creek Youth Resource Centre*	$377,617.48	$387,057.92	$401,379.07
Woden Youth Centre	$320,559.10	$328,573.07	$340,730.27
Youth in the City	$418,230.13	$428,685.88	$444,547.26

* Tuggeranong and Weston Creek Youth Resource Centres are funded together through Communities@Work

Question 8: Youth services are managed through the Youth Services Program Funding Plan 2004-07. The principles applied are consistent with The Social Compact and Community Sector Funding Policy. These policies are available on line at www.dhcs.act.gov.au/

Question 9: Youth Services are able to apply for funding from Government or private sources provided they meet eligibility requirements.

Question 10: See question 7. Information on funding received by Youth Services may also be obtained from the relevant Department Annual Reports and Budget Papers.

140 Disability and Community Zed Seselja

New Youth Detention Facility

ZED SESELJA: To ask the Minister for Children and Youth – In relation to the new youth detention facility:

11. What is the estimated cost per custody day for the proposed new youth detention facility to be built in the Gungahlin District (Mitchell)?
12. What is the estimated recurrent expenditure for the proposed new youth detention facility?

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

1. The 2005/06 cost per custody is $1001.00, it is anticipated that the figure for the Youth Detention Centre will be a similar figure with the addition of CPI increases.

2. It is anticipated that the average cost per custody day for the new Youth Detention Facility will remain consistent with the cost per day of the current facility allowing for increases in costs in line with CPI.

141 Disability and Community Zed Seselja

Care and Protection Services

ZED SESELJA: To ask the Minister for Children and Youth –In relation to Care and Protection Services:

13. The cost of providing out of home care was quoted at $178.00 per day in the 2005-06 Budget. The cost in the 2006-07 Budget is quoted at $171.00 per day, how has the $7.00 per day reduction been achieved?
14. What is the basis for projecting an increase of 26,735 days of out of home care in 2006-07?

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

1. The calculation for the average cost of Out of Home care (OOHC) is based on OOHC expenditure divided by the number of OOHC days used. The decrease in the estimated cost per OOHC day from $178 to $171 in the 2005-06 estimated outcome on page 200 of Budget paper 4 reflects the increase in the number of OOHC days used while maintaining the current budget expenditure on OOHC.
2. Increased number of OOHC days can bring an economy of scale into the calculation of cost per day.

3. The increase in the number of OOHC days used annually as reported in the estimated outcome on page 200 of Budget paper 4 reflects the actual number of OOHC days used during the 2006-07 financial year. Increases in child protection cases and subsequent out of home care placements have contributed to the 26,735-day increase. The increases are in line with national trends.

144 Disability and Community Richard Mulcahy

Payments to small business

RICHARD MULCAHY: To ask the Minister Disability Community Service – in relation to payments made by the Minister's department to small business:

For 2004-05, (a) how many, and (b) what proportion of payments made by the Minister's department to small business were not made within:

(i) 30 days of receipt of the goods or services and a proper invoice in accordance with Government procurement policy

(ii) 60 days of receipt of the goods or services and a proper invoice in accordance with Government procurement policy

MINISTER GALLAGHER:

Answering the Member's question would necessitate individual checking of all invoices. This would be a time consuming and uneconomic exercise, and an unreasonable diversion of resources.

151 Disability and Community Deb Foskey

Community Sector grants and funding

DR FOSKEY: To ask the Minister for Community Services – In relation to Community Sector grants and funding:

1. Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the projected savings through *streamlined community purchasing* in2006-07 and for each of the out years from 2007-08 to 2009-10.

2. From what fund was the $70,000 transferred to CMD for 'Groovin in Garema.'

3. What process was used to authorise that transfer, and was that process consistent with other allocations from that fund.

4. If the transfer was made simply on the authority of the Chief Minister is it fair to presume that any fund allocating for any program can be reassigned by the Chief Minister at anytime.

MINISTER GALLAGHER:

1. The breakdown of the projected savings through *streamlined community purchasing* in 2006-07 and for each of the out years from 2007-08 to 2009-10 is 2006-07 $187,000; 2007-08 $1,307,000; 2008-09 $1,350,000; and 2009-10 $1,373,000.

2. The Renew Community Facilities and Infrastructure Grants Program.

3. The expenditure of $70,000 was transferred to the Chief Minister's Department in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Management Act 1996 - an instrument was tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly. There were no other allocations from this Program in 2005-06 that required action under the Financial Management Act.

4. Section 14 of the Financial Management Act 1996 prescribes the process for transferring funds between appropriations. Agreement is sought by the relevant Minister with the Treasurer and the Treasurer subsequently presents a s.14 instrument to the ACT Legislative Assembly. This process was completed and the instrument was tabled in the,
ACT Legislative Assembly on 18 October 2005, along with a Statement of Reasons.

165 Disability and Community Deb Foskey

Community Grants

Dr Foskey MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services - in relation to community grants:

(1) Will the restructure of community grants delay the announcement of any grants and when will they be announced?

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

No, the announcement of grant recipients will be made during the 2006/07 financial year, and there will be no delay to any Government commitments.

198 Disability and Community Deb Foskey

ACT Homelessness Strategy

Dr Foskey MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services - in relation to *Breaking the cycle – the ACT Homelessness Strategy*:

1. How many homelessness service providers are there in the ACT?
    a. How many of these does the ACT Government fund?

2. Does the Charter of Rights apply to the ACT Government?
    a. If not why not?

3. What are the current turn away rates for homelessness service providers?
    a. What were the turn away rates for homelessness service providers approximately 1 year ago?
    b. What were the turn away rates for homelessness service providers approximately 2 years ago?
    c. Were all three figures above calculated using the same methods?

4. How many homelessness service providers currently have ceilings on the waiting lists?
    a. How many homelessness service providers had ceilings on the waiting lists approximately 1 year ago?
    b. How many homelessness service providers had ceilings on the waiting lists approximately 2 years ago?
    c. Were all three figures above calculated using the same methods?

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. There are a broad range services provided to people experiencing homelessness. However, 26 community organisations receive funding by the ACT and Australian Governments, under the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program, or with ACT Government Homelessness Initiative funding.

2 (a) "*The ACT Homelessness Charter - A Statement of Rights*" refers to the rights of individuals. It is a draft statement noting that people who are homeless retain the basic human rights afforded to the broader community. And it is up to the broader community, including community service providers and Government at all levels, to recognise and ensure those rights are upheld. As the Charter states, homeless people have the right to have all rights upheld by public authorities. Further, many of the rights identified in the Charter are enshrined in the ACT Human Rights Act, including the right to security and the right to be free from discrimination.

3.(a) Turn away rates for the current period and in the last year are not available. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare <u>Demand for SAAP Assistance by Homeless People</u> report utilises data gathered by all SAAP providers over a selected reporting period of each financial year. These reports are issued in the financial year following the collection.

(b) The most recent “turn away” or unmet demand figures available are from 2003-04. The turn-away rate for homelessness service providers in the ACT for that year was a daily average of 12 individuals or families.
(c)The calculation of demand for SAAP assistance is consistent across time periods and services.

4. The use of waiting lists is part of the operational decisions of individual services, in their role as expert providers. Information about the number of services with ceilings on waiting lists is not available.

207 Disability and Community Jacqui Burke

Extra community space at the New Griffin Centre

JACQUI BURKE MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services, in relation to Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page 204.

1. What benefits will be realised through the provision of extra community space at the New Griffin Centre and an additional $260,000 funding; and

2. What community groups will be given access to this additional floor space at the Centre.

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

1. The additional $260,000 funding outlined in the budget was spent on the new Griffin Centre for the specific relocation of studios and fitout costs associated with 2XX.

2. The funding of $3.053 million for the new Griffin Centre was allocated to provide extra space for all tenants of the old Griffin Centre. Some of these original tenants have subsequently moved to the new Multicultural Centre, freeing up space in the new Griffin Centre for community groups. The new Griffin Centre is currently fully tenanted.

208 Disability and Community Jacqui Burke

Single Therapy Service Accommodation Project

JACQUI BURKE MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services, In relation to Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page 204 –

1. Why has the Single Therapy Service Accommodation project received an additional $500,000 in funding; what has caused any delays in the completion of this project, with the expected completion date stretching out to June 2007.

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

In 2005–06, the Government provided $1.5 million for the Single Therapy Service Accommodation project to establish the Northside service hub at Swanson Plaza. This project was completed in January 2006 and allowed the consolidation of several locations into a single hub in Belconnen for clients from the north of Canberra.

The Government is providing a further $2.109 million in 2006–07 to support a program of refurbishment at the Therapy ACT site at Holder. This project is integral to the establishment of the southern hub of the Single Therapy Service. This stage of the refurbishment project is expected to be completed by June 2007.

209 Disability and Community Jacqui Burke

Increase Dept forecast

JACQUI BURKE MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services, In relation to Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page 189 –

1. Why has the department forecast an increase in Total Costs for Output Class 2: Early Intervention from the 2005-06 estimated outcome of $11.093 million to the target for 2006-07 of $19.580 million;

2. Why has the Government Payment for Outputs increased from the 2005-06 estimated outcome of $10.664 million to the target for 2006-07 of $18.238 million.

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

1. As detailed on Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page 189 the outputs that make up Output Class 2: Early Intervention have changed from the two outputs being the Child and Family Centre Program and Therapy Services in 2005-06 to the Child and Family Centre Program and the Child, Youth and Family Support Program. This change is shown on page 189, as Total Cost 2005-06, Estimated Outcome Child and Family Centre Program ($2,076,000) and Therapy Services ($9,017,000) totalling $11,093,000. In contrast, for Total Cost 2006-07 Budget (changed outputs) the Child and Family Centre Program ($2,113,000) and the Child, Youth and Family Support Program ($17,467,000) totalling $19,580,000. Had Therapy not moved to Output Class 1 page188 the calculation would have been Total Cost 2006-07 Budget the Child and Family Centre Program ($2,113,000) and Therapy Services ($9,180,000) totalling $11,293,000. This is a slight increase in Total Costs from the 2005-06 Estimated Outcome to the 2006-07 Budget.
2. See 1) above for the same reason of changed outputs in the output class the numbers are not comparable between the GPO 2005-06 Estimated Outcome and the 20006-07 Budget.

329 Disability and Community Jacqui Burke

Community Inclusion Fund

JACQUI BURKE MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services - in relation to Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page 202:

1. In relation to the transfer of the Community Inclusion Fund (CIF) from Chief Minister's Department to Disability, Housing and Community Services, it is noted that the remaining allocated funds of $4.075million will be expended on the Fund by 2007-08. What plans are there to continue the operation of the Board responsible for this Fund and the allocation of funds to community groups; and

2. If the CIF and its Board are not continuing to operate beyond 2007-08, is the discontinuation a signal that the operation of the Fund was ineffectual and has had little impact in delivering on its mandate to support community activities.

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

The Community Inclusion Board remains part of the Chief Minister's portfolio.

330 Disability and Community Jacqui Burke

Budget policy adjustments – saving of $523, 000

JACQUI BURKE MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services, In relation to Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page – 202

1. The Budget Policy Adjustments 2006-07 states there is an Efficiency Saving of $523,000. Is this figure a net reduction or off-set elsewhere in the portfolio;

2. If this figure is a net reduction, what efficiency savings will be achieved.

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

1. The amounts shown in brackets on page 202 represent a saving or reduction of the DHCS budget for 2006-07 and, in contrast, the amounts without brackets are additions to the DHCS budget.
2. Efficiency savings are the initiatives that will be funded internally by the Department as shown in Budget 2006-07 Paper 3, page 78 and include:
   - recurrent funding for Minosa House ($387,000), and,
   - Integrated Indigenous Service delivery ($136,000).

   These initiatives are also listed on Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page 202.

331 Disability and Community Jacqui Burke

Decline of Therapy services

JACQUI BURKE MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services, In relation to Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page 196 –

1. There is a decline in the number of hours of therapy services provided between estimated outcome for 2005-06 and the target for 2006-07 of 2,342 hours. What correlation is there between this reduction and the planned refurbishment of the Single Therapy Service;

2. What alternative arrangements have been considered in order to cater for maintaining a higher rate of hours for therapy services while the refurbishment of the Single Therapy Service is occurring.

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

1. The reduction in hours reflects the time for relocation in the building and the possible move of Homeworld to the Holder site. See note Budget 2206-07 Paper 4, page 196.

2. In order to minimise any reduction to service, Therapy ACT teams at Holder are continuing to work on site while the refurbishment takes place. The capital works to be undertaken at Holder are still in the planning phase. Staff may be required to relocate to other sites for short periods during some phases of construction. It is also anticipated that there will be some relocation in the building, which will require down time. Clients will have the option of being seen in another Therapy ACT site, or be visited by a therapist at home, school or work.

332 Disability and Community Jacqui Burke

Community access hours spike

JACQUI BURKE MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services in relation to Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page 195.

1. There is a significant spike in the number of hours of service under Community Access, with the estimated outcome for 2005-06 being 128,360 hours. The footnote attributes this abnormality to additional non-recurrent funding of 21,000 hours of service. Why has the decision been taken not to maintain a consistent higher level of service through the offering of increased number of hours made available through this one-off funding allocation for 2005-06;

2. The target for Community Access hours for 2006-07 is 105,089, a difference of 23,271 hours to the estimated outcome for 2005-06. Why is there a shortfall of 2,271 hours in this figure, given the allocation of one-off funding is for the additional 21,000 hours in 2005-06; How is the difference of 2,271 hours being funded; and

3. Will all funding applications made for Individual Support Packages in 2005-06 be accommodated through the funding round; If not, why not?

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the member's questions is as follows:

1. The 21,000 hours of Community Access service relates to a short-term non-recurrent contract with a community organisation and the decision to continue will be based on assessed need of the individual accessing services.

2. The additional 2,271 hours referred to relate to non-recurrent individual support packages funding and the decision to continue will be based on assessed need and availability of funding.

3. No. Applications for any funding, when available, are made on the basis of assessed and prioritised need and availability of resources. It is seldom the case that all applications can be accommodated within resources.

333 Disability and Community Jacqui Burke

Accommodation support

JACQUI BURKE MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services in relation to Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page 195.

1. It is noted that 334 people with a disability have been offered Accommodation Support in the estimated outcome for 2005-06. Will the department continue to offer this form of support to residents of Disability Group Homes; and

2. What forms of re-evaluation of this service are being undertaken.

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the member's questions is as follows:

5. Disability ACT will continue to provide accommodation support for people with a disability. This support will continue to be provided through a mix of both government and community based services.

6. No formal evaluations of supported accommodation services are currently being undertaken. Disability ACT has announced a review of the role of government in the delivery of disability services which will commence in August 2006. The intended review is about reviewing the role of government in the provision of services and to make recommendations for those services that are best suited to be delivered by the government and those best suited to be delivered by the community sector.

334 Disability and Community Jacqui Burke

Employees Expenses decline

JACQUI BURKE MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services, In relation to Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page 222.

1. Why has there been a decline in Employee Expenses by $2.2million between 2005-06 estimated outcome and 2006-07 budget; Is this an indication that staff numbers have been reduced in the area of the department that deals with Early Intervention programs;

2. If so, given the significant injection of funds for Early Intervention programs, why has there been a drop in funds allocated to the cost of Employee Expenses.

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. As detailed on Budget 2006-07 Paper 4, page 189 the outputs that make up Output Class 2: Early Intervention have changed from the two outputs being the Child and Family Centre Program and Therapy Services in 2005-06 to the Child and Family Centre Program and the Child, Youth and Family Support Program. The 2005–06 estimated outcome for Employee Expenses of $7,416,000 on page 222 of the 2006–07 Budget Paper 4 comprised of costs for Therapy Services and Child and Family Centre Program. In contrast, the 2006–07 budget for Employee Expenses of $5,216,000 comprises the costs for the Child and Family Centre Program and the Child, Youth and Family Support Program. The decline in costs from the 2005–06 estimated outcome and the 2006–07 budget of $2.2 million is essentially the difference between the cost of Therapy Services (moved to Output Class 1 Disability and Therapy Services) and the Child, Youth and Family Support Program (moved from the Office for Children, Youth and Family Support). There is no reduction in staff numbers in these outputs.

2. See 1) above for the same reason of changed outputs in the Output Class.

335 Disability and Community Jacqui Burke

Disability and Therapy services – cost decline

JACQUI BURKE MLA : To ask the Minister for Disability and Community Services –

1. Why is there a decline in the Total Cost of Output Class 1: Disability and Therapy Services between the 2005-06 estimated outcome and the target for 2006-07 of $22.854 million;

2. Subsequently, why is there also a fall in the Government Payment for Outputs between the 2005-06 estimated outcome and the target for 2006-07 of $16.510 million.

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

1. The outputs that make up Output Class 1: Disability and Therapy Services have changed from the outputs included in Output Class 1: Disability, Housing and Community Services in Budget 2005-06 Paper 4, page 275. In 2005-06 this output class had three outputs Disability Services and Policy; Community Development Services and Policy; and Organisational Services. The Total Cost 2005-06 Estimated Outcome ($90,246,000) is the addition of Disability Services and Policy ($56,550,000); Community Development Services and Policy ($29,678,000); and Organisational Services ($4,018,000). In contrast, with changed outputs, the Total Cost 2006-07 Budget, made up of outputs Disability Services and Policy ($58,212,000) and Therapy Services ($9,180,000) equals $67,392,000. The figures in these calculations are all on 2006-07 Budget Paper 4, page 188.
2. See 1) above – the GPO has fallen between the Estimated Outcome 2005-06 and the 2006-07 Budget for the same reason of changed outputs in the output class.

394 Disability and Community Brendan Smyth

Cost per custody day at Quamby

BRENDAN SMYTH: To ask the Children Youth & Family Services – How the ACT's average cost per custody day at Quamby are comparable to other jurisdictions

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

The ACT's average cost per day for Juvenile detention is comparable whilst slightly higher than other jurisdictions. Comparing adult with juvenile detention costs is not appropriate as significantly greater support is provided in the juvenile system. While the Report on Government Services (Productivity Commission) compares the numbers of youth in detention, there is no comparison of cost per day by facility in each jurisdiction. Therefore an inter-jurisdictional comparison is not possible at this time.

The direct costs per detention day of approximately $733 at Quamby is reasonably close to the 2004-05 cost in Western Australia of $619.95 (W.A Department of Justice 2004-05 Annual Report) when the relatively small numbers in Quamby are taken into account. The breakdown of the 2005-06 target cost per custody day at Quamby Youth Detention Centre of $1,001 on page 199 of Budget Paper 4 is provided below.

2005-06 estimated costs for the calculation of average cost per detention day in the Quamby Youth Detention Centre:

Direct Costs			
Employee Expenses	$3.966m		
Domestic Services & Supplies	$0.287m		
		$4.253m	
Detention days		5,800	
Cost per detention day (Direct Costs)			**$733.27 pd**
Indirect Costs	$1.553		
[Indirect Costs include insurances, training, travel, organisational services, depreciation, stationary, printing information and communication services, procurement etc]			
Total cost, including direct costs		$5.806m	
Detention days		5,800	
Cost per detention day (Total cost)		**$1,001 pd**	

395 Disability and Community Mick Gentlemen

Care Agreements

MICK GENTLEMEN: To ask the Children Youth & Family Services – How many Care Agreements do we have?

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

On 29 June 2006, the Office for Children, Youth and Family Support, Care and Protection Services, had 14 children and young people in care on Voluntary Care Agreements pursuant to section 182 of the *Children and Young People Act 1999*.

396 Disability and Community Brendan Smyth

Critical incidents and self harm at Quamby

BRENDAN SMYTH: To ask the Children Youth & Family Services – Number of reports of critical incidents and self harm at Quamby 2004-2006.

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

The critical incident and self harm statistics for Quamby Youth Detention Centre for 2005/06 are:

- Critical Incidents – 101 (A critical incident is defined as a reportable incident or event which, significantly affects the routine, operations or security of an Institution; disrupts or threatens to disrupt the safety of good order of an Institution; harms or threatens to harm the personal safety of any individual at the Institution including residents, staff or visitors; involves drugs or violence).

- Incidents of Self Harm – 6.

I am advised that it would take significant resources and time to obtain an answer to the Members question in relation to the 2004/05 year.

397 Disability and Community Steve Pratt

Staff left Quamby

STEVE PRATT: To ask the Children Youth & Family Services – How many staff have left Quamby since the 2006 recruitment process began?

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

Since 17 December 2005, when the latest recruitment process commenced, four permanent staff have left Quamby Youth Detention Centre.

398 Disability and Community Steven Pratt

Overtimes figures for Quamby staff

STEVE PRATT: To ask the Children Youth & Family Services – What are the year to date overtime figures for Quamby staff in 2006

MINISTER GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's questions is as follows:

The year to date overtime costs for Quamby Youth Detention Centre is $91,127.94.

This information was collated from Chris 21 (HR Information System) from pay period commencing 29 December 2005, to pay period ending 28 June 2006.