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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE – QoN-019**

ANDREW WALL MLA: To ask the Minister for Disability, Children and Young People

Ref: Output Class 1: Disability and Therapy Services

In relation to Therapy Services and Early Intervention Services:

1. Please provide details of services funded under each Output Class:
  - a) 1.2 Therapy Services and
  - b) 2.1 Early Intervention Services?
  
2. Which of these services will cease at the end of:
  - a) 2014,
  - b) 2015,
  - c) 2016?

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

1. Details of services funded under the Output Class 1.2 and 2.1 are available in the Community Services Directorate Annual Report.
  - a) 1.2 Therapy Services (page 15 Community Services Directorate 2012-13 Annual Report)

**Age Based Therapy Teams**

- Assessment, intervention and support services for children (0-8 years) with delays in development and people (0-65 years) with developmental disabilities
- Services provided by speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, psychologists and social workers

**Autism Assessment and Intervention Services**

- Diagnostic assessments of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) for people of all ages
- Family group programs providing information and strategies for families with a family member with a recent diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder
- Therapy Intervention Programs for children under the age of eight, provided by the Autism Services Team and for people over the age of eight, provided by generalist age based teams
- Consultancy and Training Programs for other services, particularly education services

### **Equipment Services**

- Assessment and prescription of specialised equipment for people with developmental disabilities (0–65 years)
- Consultancy services for home modifications and vehicle modifications for people with developmental disabilities
- Loan of specialised equipment to children and young people (0–16 years)

b) 2.1 Early Intervention Services (page 15 Community Services Directorate 2012-13 Annual Report)

### **Child and Family Centres**

- Individual case management for children and families
- Community development activities and group work programs
- Parentlink
- Parents as Teachers
- Australian Early Development Index

### **Melaleuca Place (Trauma Recovery Centre)**

- trauma-informed therapeutic service to children aged 0-12 who are clients of Care and Protection Services.

### **Child, Youth and Family Support Program**

- provides funding and works closely with community service providers and key government agencies to coordinate service delivery and to provide services to children, young people and their families.

2. Which of these services will cease at the end of:

- a) 2014,
- b) 2015,
- c) 2016?

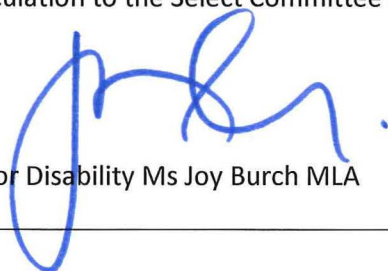
The services that are transitioning to the non-Government sector at the end of 2016 are those listed under Output Class 1.2 Therapy ACT, with the exception of mainstream health services such as Intake and Assessment.

Education and Training Directorate services ceasing in December 2014, are not part of this Output Class.

It is expected that services provided under Output Class 2.1 (Early Intervention Services) continue to be provided until the end of 2016.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2014-2015

Signature:



By the Minister for Disability Ms Joy Burch MLA

Date:

10.7.14