



State Budget 2005/06 Information Sheet

Groups Facing Particular Disadvantage – People with Disabilities

Expenditure on disability services will increase to \$303.2 million. An additional \$7.4 million will be allocated specifically for accommodation support funding and \$6.3 million for a range of individual and family support strategies including two new therapy intervention centres. There is still no funding for the 160 young people in nursing homes.

WACOSS' Recommendation	Government's Pre-election Commitment ¹	Budget Outcome
Provide additional 740 places for people who need residential accommodation by 2008-2009. \$43m with \$29.7m of these additional funds being provided in 2005/06.	Existing funding addresses this issue. A further 79 people to be accommodated through vacancies over the period 2004/05 – 2007/08.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate development of alternative instrument to quantify care needs to individuals seeking accommodation support funding. • Develop interim accommodation options for people waiting for services under Combined Applications Process. • Continue re-development of Supported Accommodation Service & DSC accommodation facilities.
Provide an additional 2,457 supported community living packages, respite and family and in-home support services by 2008/09. Additional recurrent expenditure of \$16.3m with \$6.7m of this being provided in 2005/06.	Respite and family support will be provided to an additional 800 families over the period 2004/05 – 2007/08. Currently negotiating with the Australian Government around the provision of additional respite funding for older carers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation support to an additional 25 people who are the sons and daughters of carers aged over 70. \$1.4 m • Provide 109 people with accommodation support. \$6 m • Implement new Early Childhood Development Waitlist Strategy. \$600 000. • Implement bilateral agreement with Commonwealth on respite for older carers.
By the end of 2008/09 alternative accommodation be found for 160 young people with disabilities languishing in institutional facilities . \$10.8m with an additional \$6.1m to be provided in 2005/06.	Existing funding addresses this issue. No specific commitment for the Budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific budget allocation.
Provide day support options for 966 additional people by 2008/09. \$11.3m (includes Post School Options), with \$7.8m of this to be provided in 2005/06.	Additional funding means 520 school leavers and adults will have access to alternatives to employment over the period 2004/05 – 2007/08.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Alternatives to Employment purchasing framework.
Provide an additional \$9.9m for access to therapy ,	Recent funding addresses this issue. No specific	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish new therapy intervention centres in

¹ This is an abridged version of the Government's response to WACOSS' Pre-Budget Submission, for full details please refer to WACOSS' *The Social Issues Scorecard 2005*

<p>aids and equipment for an additional 2,134 people by 2008/09. \$3.7m of this to be provided in 2005/06.</p>	<p>commitment for the Budget.</p>	<p>Wembley and Rockingham.</p>
<p>Invest in a recurrent allocation of \$5.8m by 2008-2009 (with \$2.6m in 2005/06) to enable capacity building in the disability services sector.</p>	<p>Recent funding and initiatives addresses these issues. Commitment to develop a Companion Card for people with disabilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenging Behaviours Consortium Project team will provide specialist service to organisations to develop capacity of sector. • Training of locally based psychologists and speech pathologists to build capacity in regional communities. • Implement strategies to enable Local Area Coordinators (LAC) to respond to population growth. • Expansion of LAC into Indian Ocean territories. • Implement full year cycle of new LAC evaluation system. • Ensure introduction of Companion Card.