

Estimates Committee 2005

Questions Taken On Notice

(23/06/2005 to 01/10/2005)

Date: 07/07/2005 Output:
Sub Output:
Subject: Community Support Services for Frail Aged People and People with a Disability - Disability Housing

From: Ms Jodeen Terese CARNEY to Honourable Marion SCRYMGOUR
Department of Health and Community Services

Question: **9-3**
Government promised as a 2001 election commitment that from within existing public housing stock it would trial a village style complex in Darwin to assist people with a profound or severe disability to live independently with onsite support and, if successful, centres would be created in other areas. What has happened to that promise?

Answer:
Answered On: 08/07/2005
Answer: In 2002, the Department funded HPA Inc to provide in home support to people with low-moderate support needs in a village style complex in Palmerston. Recurrent funding of \$81,000 was provided for this initiative.

From 2002/03 Government has also provided funding of \$842,654 to an NGO to provide supported accommodation in Darwin for several people with profound disability in houses (using housing stock) that are located closely together. This approach mirrors the village style accommodation proposal as it allows people to share support while promoting inclusion and community participation for people with profound disabilities.

Government continues to work to meet the needs of people with a range of disabilities.