LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Family and Community Services

Frail and Aged Services - Funding

Minister I have met with representatives of a number of non-government organisations providing services to frail aged people and people with a disability. They have expressed their concern about the lengthening delay in being advised each financial year as to whether or not their application for HACC (Home and Community Care) funding had been approved. Last year the advice did not come through until November.

1. Given the struggle NGOs have in providing their service why does it take so long for them to find out how much money they will get – half the year is nearly gone by the time they find out.

ANSWER