

DISABILITY FACTS

‘The State of Shame!’

Disability Speaks would like to invite **Premier Mike Rann** to pick any place, day, time, date and we will organise a public meeting so that Mr Rann can personally explain the Government's priorities to the community. We want to know.....
 "When will SA's most vulnerable receive the essential support they desperately need?"

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TO MINISTER FOR DISABILITY

RE: AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (AIHW) DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

Critical Date: n/a

ISSUES:

2006/07 data indicates that SA has the lowest expenditure per client on disability services in Australia.

BACKGROUND:

The AIHW has recently released its 2006/07 Disability Support Services report which provides comparative data across the jurisdictions related to disability services provided through the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA). Care needs to be taken in analysing the Commonwealth data in this report as it combines data for both the Commonwealth-administered employment services and the State/Territory-administered services of accommodation support, community support, community access and respite.

However, a valid calculation of expenditure per client for State/Territory administered services confirms that South Australia has the lowest combined State and Commonwealth expenditure per client of State-administered disability services (ie accommodation support, community support, community access and respite). In 2006/07 South Australia spent \$15,809 per client compared with the national average of \$23,897 per client.

South Australia, 2006/07

	Clients (State/Territory administered services)	Expenditure (combined State and C'with)	Average expenditure per client
NSW	34,583	\$1,303,400,000	\$37,689
QLD	19,202	\$622,200,000	\$32,403
NT	1,120	\$33,300,000	\$29,732
Tas	3,839	\$111,000,000	\$28,914
WA	17,304	\$332,000,000	\$19,186
ACT	3,477	\$61,000,000	\$17,544
VIC	67,986	\$1,190,400,000	\$17,509
SA	17,041	\$269,400,000	\$15,809
Total	164,150	\$3,922,700,000	\$23,897

Source: Disability Support Services 2006/07, AIHW, Oct 2008
 Client data sourced from figure 2.3
 Expenditure sourced from figure 1.2

Similar data, currently embargoed in the 2009 Report on Government Services but due for public release on 30 January 2009, will show that SA has the lowest estimated expenditure per service user of \$16,555 for disability services provided by States and Territories compared with a national average of \$25,755.

Comments:

APPROVED / NOTED

Hon Jennifer Rankine MP

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As the dust settles on the 2009 State Budget, the real impact on people with disabilities is clear. While the Government talks tough on sending lawyers after motorcycle groups, people with a disability in SA have never done it tougher. No-one in the disability sector is shocked that crisis has sadly turned to tragedy. SA has the lowest State expenditure per disabled person. A meagre 2.5% p.a. Budget funding increase to disability services was all that was announced. This will not shorten waiting lists, will jeopardize services currently being provided and will not cover CPI. Try justifying this year's Budget priorities to the hundreds of children needing a new wheelchair. The State Government has injected funds 5 times in the last 4 years to fix the children's equipment growing waiting list..... this year the Government did not bother, but the children and the list still grew!



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