



MERCY DISABILITY SERVICES

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The Secretary
Senate Committee into CSTDA

Dear Sir,

Thank you and the committee for the courtesy shown to Kevin Lewis and me.

During the hearing Senator Patterson asked me about levels of State funding, seeking I believe, to understand comparative funding and services for disability/nursing home residents.

The following information is provided (not in confidence) to clarify my answer. The response in testimony was the maximum state package. I hope the table below providing broader population details for this services assists.

Type of State Funding	Persons	\$000 Annual	\$ per diem/pperson
ALSP	1	96	263
ALSP	1	92	252
ALSP	1	112	306
ALSP	1	66	180
ALSP	1	48	131
Group Home	4	54	31
Group Home	4	60	41
Block Funding	42	968	63

The individual packages are typically for (in our service) persons with a basic intellectual disability, requiring prompting/supervision for hygiene, grooming etc. All are non-verbal; all have secondary diagnoses of which 2 are part psychiatric. One suffers in addition epilepsy and Ring 22 syndrome, another from foetal alcohol syndrome, drug abuse and associated behavioural problems (including self harm). 2 have English as a second language .

All require individual sleepover support and substantial 1:1 during the day.

The packages are individually assessed. The assessed needs for those under block funding would range from 2 to 9 hours per day and costs are greatly impacted by the ability of supported persons to be adequately supported at ratios of 1:2 up to 1:6.

Service Users resident in congregate care pay 82% of the DSP and Rent allowance for full board and lodging, provision of basic linen and household goods. In addition MDS provides support for an averaged 2 weeks holiday each year.

Residents fees based on the commercial rental costs of properties in the community are charged for non congregate care residents. MDS provides rental bonds, property repairs if needed and meet the shared costs of accommodation when a shared property has a temporary vacancy.

If I can supply any further clarification please contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Shaw', written in a cursive style.

Lawrie Shaw

Financial Controller