

- 1(4) If the previous Agreement continues in force between the Commonwealth and a State/Territory immediately prior to the date when the Commonwealth and a State/Territory have executed this Agreement, the previous Agreement shall terminate at the same time as this Agreement comes into force and effect (in accordance with clause 1(1)) with respect to the Commonwealth and that State/Territory.
- 1(5) The provisions of this Agreement may be varied at any time by a further agreement in writing provided that this Agreement will only be varied with the consent of the Commonwealth Minister and those State/Territory Ministers who are parties to this Agreement.

PART 2 - OPERATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

- 2(1) A Bilateral Agreement made between the Commonwealth and a State/Territory shall come into effect in respect of those parties on a date to be specified in the Bilateral Agreement and shall continue for the term to be specified in the Bilateral Agreement.
- 2(2) A Bilateral Agreement shall (unless otherwise agreed between the parties to the Bilateral Agreement) contain the same terms and conditions as those which are contained in this Agreement.
- 2(3) The Commonwealth agrees that within one month of it entering into a Bilateral Agreement with a State/Territory, or varying or extending a Bilateral Agreement with a State/Territory, it will supply a copy of that Bilateral Agreement to all other States/Territories that are parties to this Agreement.

PART 3 – INTERPRETATION

- 3(1) In this Agreement, unless the contrary intention appears or the context otherwise requires -

“accommodation support services” means services which provide accommodation to people with disabilities, and services which provide the support needed to enable a person with a disability to remain in their existing accommodation;

PART 5 – ELIGIBILITY AND SERVICES FUNDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT

Eligibility for services funded under this Agreement

5(1) The parties agree that they will ensure that specialist disability services funded under this Agreement and any Bilateral Agreements are provided only to benefit people with disabilities.

5(2) The Commonwealth and the States/Territories acknowledge that, at the time of signing this Agreement the specialist disability services to which this Agreement relates are -

- (a) accommodation support;
- (b) community support;
- (c) community access;
- (d) respite;
- (e) employment;
- (f) advocacy;
- (g) information; and
- (h) print disability.

5(3) The Commonwealth and the States/Territories may agree from time to time that other specialist disability services are included within this Agreement.

5(4) The Commonwealth and the States/Territories acknowledge that this Agreement and any Bilateral Agreements do not apply to the provision of -

- (a) disability services and activities provided under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (Commonwealth); and
- (b) services with a specialist clinical focus, regardless of whether those services are provided to people eligible to receive services under this Agreement.

Other services outside this Agreement

5 (5) The Commonwealth and States/Territories:

- (a) acknowledge that non-specialist services needed by people with a disability are provided by other sectors which lie outside this Agreement; and

- 6(3) Subject to this Agreement, the Commonwealth and the States/Territories agree that the Commonwealth has responsibility for the planning, policy setting and management of specialist disability employment services. In fulfilling this responsibility, the Commonwealth agrees to ensure that -
- (a) employment services are provided in accordance with the objectives of the national framework and are responsive to local needs and circumstances;
 - (b) appropriate linkage is encouraged between specialist disability employment services and other specialist or generic service systems important to the quality of life of people with disabilities;
 - (c) agreed national quality standards are upheld and monitored; and
 - (d) monitoring and accountability requirements under this Agreement are met.

- 6 (4) With respect to the Disability Advisory Bodies:
- (a) the Commonwealth will make available up to \$314,000 in funding contributions per annum to State and Territory Disability Advisory Bodies that include people with a disability and their families and carers, which meet on a regular basis and which consult regularly with the National Disability Advisory Council (NDAC);
 - (b) Commonwealth funding contributions will be subject to an annual acquittal within three (3) months of the end of the respective financial year; and
 - (c) where contributions provided by the Commonwealth are not expended in the respective financial year, these funds will be taken into consideration when determining the amount to be made available in the next financial year.

Role of the States/Territories

6(5) Subject to this Agreement, the Commonwealth and the States/Territories agree that the States/Territories have responsibility for the planning, policy setting and management of specialist disability services except employment services. In fulfilling this responsibility, the States/Territories agree to ensure that -

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Departmental financial statements

INCOME STATEMENT

	Notes	2005-06 Adjusted Budget \$'000	2005-06 Est. Act. \$'000	2006-07 Estimate \$'000
Income				
Output revenue	1	388,676	392,583	498,509
User charges	2	3,948	2,430	2,428
Grants and other contributions	3	127,777	131,274	133,009
Other revenue		25	25	25
Gains on sale/revaluation of property, plant and equipment and investments		..	..	..
Total income		520,426	526,312	633,971
Expenses				
Employee expenses	4	139,384	156,961	172,932
Supplies and services	5	23,724	31,151	50,303
Grants and subsidies	6	345,007	326,949	396,479
Depreciation and amortisation	7	6,298	3,653	6,608
Finance/borrowing costs		..	..	..
Other expenses	8	6,026	7,598	7,649
Losses on sale/revaluation of property, plant and equipment and investments		..	..	..
Total expenses		520,439	526,312	633,971
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	9	(13)	..	..

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Notes	2005-06 Adjusted Budget \$'000	2005-06 Est. Act. \$'000	2006-07 Estimate \$'000
Net effect of the adoption of a new accounting standard	10	213	2,976	..
Increase/ (decrease) in asset revaluation reserve		(81)	..	..
Net amount of all revenue and expense adjustments direct to equity not disclosed above		..	..	..
Net income recognised directly in equity		132	2,976	..
Surplus/ (deficit) for the period		(13)	..	..
Total recognised income and expense for the period		119	2,976	..
Equity injection / (withdrawal)	11	33,219	1,084	42,016
Equity adjustments (MoG Transfers)		(264)	(220)	..
Total movement in equity for period		33,074	3,840	42,016

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Capital acquisitions

Investment in capital infrastructure forms a vital part of delivering specialist disability services. As a human services provider and funder, Disability Services Queensland invests in capital infrastructure in cases where it is required for government service provision. Capital infrastructure is also utilised to accommodate and support departmental staff and in targeted community sector infrastructure accommodation (usually in partnership with non-government service providers) for people with an intellectual disability and respite centres. The major portion of non-government service delivery utilises existing community sector capital infrastructure.

The 2006-07 Budget commits \$50 million in capital funding to enhance disability services delivered within the government and non-government sectors. These funds are being applied towards a range of strategies including:

- significant investment of \$5.2 million in finalising the development of the Disability Information System, which will increase the capacity for the department to deliver on its strategic objectives by providing an information system to support, measure and report on service delivery
- capital equipment and upgrades of \$19.8 million for services operated by Disability Services Queensland and community-based organisations to strengthen their ability to provide high quality services and programs for people with a disability
- additional respite and family support services at a cost of \$5.2 million, including planning and locating sites for two additional respite facilities in Toowoomba and North Brisbane. These new respite centres will provide temporary support, allowing families of carers of people with a disability a rest period
- continued funding of \$12.1 million to support a range of tailored accommodation support options and enhanced community services for people with high and complex support needs, including purpose design housing at Wacol and another site to be located in the Brisbane North corridor
- the development of appropriate longer term care options and models of accommodation for younger people with a disability residing in aged care facilities at \$1.5 million. These responses, to be developed in a joint five year program, will reduce the number of young people with disabilities living in residential aged care facilities

The final three innovative houses previously announced for development in Maryborough, Loganlea and Ipswich are to be completed in 2006-07 at a projected cost of \$4.9 million. These houses will provide purpose-built accommodation for people with a disability who have high and complex support needs.

CAPITAL ACQUISITION STATEMENT

	Notes	2005-06 Adjusted Budget \$'000	2005-06 Est. Act. \$'000	2006-07 Estimate \$'000
PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
Property Plant and Equipment				
Respite services	1	4,409	..	4,268
Innovative housing	1	7,816	375	6,383
Redevelopment of Wacol site	1	3,022	865	1,390
Smart State Building Fund	2	4,887	668	9,410
Tailored accommodation and support	3	2,474	..	12,058
Young People in Nursing Homes	4	..	..	1,500

Other acquisitions of property, plant and equipment	1	7,797	405	8,444
TOTAL PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		30,405	2,313	43,453
OTHER CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS				
Other Capital Acquisitions				
Software development	1	8,909	4,328	6,041
Other Items		..	..	..
TOTAL OTHER CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS		8,909	4,328	6,041
TOTAL CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS		39,314	6,641	49,494
FUNDING SOURCES OF ACQUISITIONS				
Equity Adjustment	1-4	33,219	1,084	42,016
Funding for depreciation and amortisation	1	6,298	3,653	6,608
Borrowings		..	..	..
Proceeds of asset sales		..	..	..
Other		(203)	1,904	870
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES		39,314	6,641	49,494

Notes:

1. The variation primarily relates to funds deferred to 2006-07.
2. The decrease in the Estimated Actual primarily relates to funds deferred to 2006-07. The increase in the 2006-07 Estimate principally reflects funds deferred from 2005-06 and further funding in 2006-07.
3. The decrease in the Estimated Actual relates to funds deferred to 2006-07. The increase in the 2006-07 principally reflects funds deferred from 2005-06 and additional funding as the initiative progresses to construction stage.
4. New initiative in 2006-07.

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INNOVATIVE SUPPORT AND HOUSING FACT SHEET

WHAT IS INNOVATIVE SUPPORT AND HOUSING?

Disability Services Queensland's Innovative Support and Housing initiative is a new service providing housing and other support to people with complex and challenging behaviours.

Two different house designs have been developed as a part of the new service – a standard four-bedroom design, and a six-bedroom design that can be configured to operate as two three-bedroom duplexes.

From the outside, both these architect-designed houses look like average acreage-style dwellings. Inside, the design provides for larger than usual individual living spaces and multiple communal areas.

In this setting, the service will provide people living in the house with personal and lifestyle support especially designed to meet their unique requirements.

The service does not provide housemates with a permanent home. Rather, the service provides an environment in which people can receive support that will ultimately enable them to move on into other longer-term arrangements.

WHAT FACILITIES AND SUPPORT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE HOUSES?

Housemates will live in a purpose-designed house with their own bedroom, bathroom and toilet, personal sitting room and private courtyard.

Services provided to housemates will include lifestyle and accommodation support, coordination of services, and community access.

Disability Services Queensland has established partnerships with a range of organisations to deliver the innovative support that will be provided as a part of this service.

HOW DO HOUSEMATES CONTRIBUTE TO HOUSES?

There are a number of basic principles that housemates need to agree to when they move into one of the houses. These principles include mutual support and respect for fellow housemates and support workers.

Housemates pay rent and contribute to household costs such as groceries, telephone, electricity and running the car, as well as the costs of maintenance of property.

Housemates are expected to be actively involved in planning the services and support they receive. Housemates are also expected to involve themselves in planning for their eventual move into other living arrangements.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THESE SERVICES?

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SUMMARY OVERVIEW OF INNOVATIVE SUPPORT AND HOUSING PILOTS

Innovative Support and Housing Pilots are a Queensland Government initiative through Disability Services Queensland to improve outcomes for people with an intellectual disability who have complex behaviour support needs. In particular, the Pilots seek to respond to those individuals whose lifestyle support needs are not being met by the disability service system in a responsive and sustainable manner.

Two Innovative Support and Housing Pilots will be established in south-east Queensland. The target group will be people with an intellectual disability with complex and harmful behaviour who meet the eligibility criteria for the Pilots. The focus of the Pilots is on achieving individual outcomes within a sustainable service structure while maintaining the safety of the person, staff members and the community.

The key components of each Pilot are support and housing. Within each Pilot, support will be provided on a shared basis with the opportunity for some individualised support.

The model of support in the Innovative Support and Housing Pilots is created by:

- the provision of a mix of generic and specialised disability services established as part of the Pilots;
- the use of purpose-designed housing;
- the inclusion of personal supports and networks;
- individual participation in the local community; and
- the implementation of strategies for accessing generic and specialist services available in the local community.

The Pilot which is located at Morayfield will deliver the model of support in a four-bedroom house. In the Wacol Pilot, the model of support will be implemented in a six-bedroom house which is also able to function as a 2x 3 bedroom duplex. Each of the houses in which people will be supported is purpose-designed to facilitate improved outcomes for people who have complex behaviour support needs. Both houses are consistent with contemporary domestic housing design.

Each Pilot will offer a transitional high-support service focused on community integration outcomes for individuals who are members of the target group. This response is created through the activities of a mix of generic and specialised services which work collaboratively within a holistic approach to meeting the lifestyle support needs of individuals participating in the Pilots. These services supplement the presence of mainstream services in the lives of those individuals.

The providers of these services will be funded non-government organisations working together in a planned, client centred approach to meeting the person's needs and then assisting the person's subsequent transition from the Pilots. A sound, integrated, personal planning processes will be established and will seek to:

- meet the person's needs and facilitate the achievement of their lifestyle goals;
- increase the competency of each individual and the choices available to them;
- enhance other people's level of understanding of the person and their needs;
- coordinate the delivery of the services and support provided to each individual by service providers within the Pilots;
- monitor the broader environment for opportunities which would assist the individual to meet their goals, including transition from the Pilots.

Entry to Pilots will be based on eligibility and consent. Clear eligibility criteria and a structured assessment process will ensure access to Pilots only on the basis of a person's identified need for the service and the ability of the person to be supported within the model of support.

Each person will be assisted to transition from the Pilots into long-term support arrangements which meet their needs and are sustainable. The timing of transition from the Pilots will be determined by individual circumstance. Additional safeguards come into effect 12 months after an individual's entry into the Pilots if opportunities for the person to transition to another support arrangement have not been able to be identified.

An evaluation of the Pilots' first three years of operation will investigate whether the Pilots improve the quality of life of the people who enter the Pilots.

Funding for services will be available beyond the first 3 years of operation.