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On page CA 18- I said I would get advice from the state and territory carers associations about the public trustee (PT). I stated that there there would be a variety of opinions from our members. This is the the situation. Some families are wary of engaging the PT because of the fees they charge especially those families on low incomes, some families think their approach is inflexible and others think they are not listened to especially in regard to the knowledge they have about the care of the person with the disability.

Yours sincerely,

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