

Question on Notice

Number. 519

Asked on Wednesday, 20 April 2005

MS MOLLOY MP asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (**Mr Pitt**) -

Will he advise what arrangements have been made for Endeavour clients on the Sunshine Coast following the decision by Endeavour Board to cease providing some accommodation to clients?

ANSWER:

The interest that the Member for Noosa has in this matter is acknowledged.

In 2004, Endeavour approached Disability Service Queensland to request funding for State 'unfunded' accommodation services located across Southeast Queensland. The Endeavour Board advised the organisation had funding difficulties that it could not resolve.

The Government made a commitment to clients and their families that an ongoing service would continue to be provided, whether it was through Endeavour or another provider.

Disability Services Queensland was requested to seek expression of interests from selected non-government organisations, including Endeavour, to provide ongoing support to these clients.

A selection panel was convened to consider the expression of interests submitted for each accommodation service. Recommendations were made by the panel and signed off by the Minister on the 12 April 2005.

The successful service provider for the two accommodation services on the Sunshine Coast is Cerebral Palsy League.

Endeavour, Cerebral Palsy League and Disability Services Queensland are working closely together to ensure a successful transition process.

Endeavour, Cerebral Palsy League and the Department are meeting with families from each household to discuss the transition process and for families to raise any concerns they have.

Endeavour and Cerebral Palsy League will meet with staff to discuss future work and employment arrangements.

Endeavour will be funded non-recurrently to provide accommodation services until the transition to Cerebral Palsy League is complete.