



“Budget 2011 Wish List”

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Tomorrow the S.A. Government will announce the 2011 State Budget.

It is common knowledge that S.A spends less per client with a disability than any other state in the nation.

The Hon Kelly Vincent MLC (d4d) has demanded last Monday a well targeted list of what she would like to see in this budget for people with disability. A copy is attached for your information of the d4d press release.

Today SA Disability Minister Jennifer Rankine has responded in part to Ms Vincent’s demands with an announcement of a small but important expansion in the pilot Self Managed Funding program currently on trial in SA by making a further twenty positions available. The release can be viewed by clicking on the "Latest News and Events" section of the DFC website at www.dfc.sa.gov.au"

The depth of despair in the crisis in disability support in SA should not be underestimated

Tragically this has been highlighted in the same week the S.A Government is announcing its budget and continuing spending money on unnecessary developments while taking hundreds of millions of dollars on cost overruns on highly questionable projects, Beverly Eitzen who is accused of tragically murdering her disabled son appeared in court last Monday to defend herself.

Our hearts and sympathy go out to the Eitzen family. Full media report at:

www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/mother-murdered-disabled-son/story-e6frea83-1226070193976

Let’s hope this budget takes giant steps to ensuring further tragedies are avoided in S.A.

Disability Speaks is attending the pre budget lock up and post budget briefing tomorrow and we look forward to providing a timely update via our data distribution system on Friday morning.

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