

**KAROBRAN REHABILITATION CENTRE****Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2006**

**The Hon. A.L. EVANS:** I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse a question about the Karobran Rehabilitation Centre.

Leave granted.

**The Hon. A.L. EVANS:** On 30 November 2005, during the Matters of Interest debate, I spoke about Karobran. I refer honourable members to *Hansard* for background information to this question. It is my understanding that young families with substance abuse and/or mental health issues that come to the attention of the welfare authorities are, at times, referred to Karobran. Magistrates are increasingly referring young people to Karobran to find freedom from life-controlling circumstances. It seems to me that the government is increasingly assisted by the valuable services that Karobran provides to the community. I am also aware that the state revenue suffers a burden in terms of having to provide transport to Karobran from areas of this large state. My questions to the minister are:

1. What funding has the government provided to Karobran since its foundation?
2. What funding will the government provide to Karobran in the future?
3. What funding has Karobran requested from the government?
4. What funding has the government made available for transporting clients to and from Karobran, ensuring that family members (where it is considered therapeutic) are able to visit clients at Karobran?

5. Is the government considering the establishment, via tender and provision of government funding, of a similar facility closer to metropolitan Adelaide than Naracoorte?

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse):** I thank the honourable member for his questions. Any future funding for Karobran (or any other mental health, drug or alcohol facility) will be considered within the current budgetary process, the outcome of which will be determined in September. I am not able to provide any further information than that. In relation to specific current funding for this facility, I do not have that information to hand; I will need to ascertain it and I will bring back a response.

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**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

In reply to **Hon. A.L. EVANS** (22 June 2006).

**The Hon. G.E. GAGO:** I have been advised:

1. The Karobran Rehabilitation Centre has not received funding from the Department of Health or Human Services.
2. The Department of Health would need to consider any request for funding for Karobran Rehabilitation Centre as it does all applications.
3. I am not aware of requests to the Department of Health or the South East Regional Health Service to fund the Centre since becoming Minister. I am aware that Karobran Rehabilitation Centre did seek funding from the Department of Transport and Regional Services in 2004 and also from the Department of Human Services in 2000 but were unsuccessful on both occasions.
4. I am not aware of requests to the Department of Health or the South East Regional Health Service to fund the Centre since becoming Minister.
5. No.