

Question On Notice

Question from The Hon. David Shoebridge.

**Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE:** May I give my question on notice now?

**The ACTING CHAIR:** You may. The question may be given to the witnesses in writing as well.

**Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE:** Could you give us your thoughts on what a practical and reasonable alternative system would be for accessing the funds? That question is addressed to both of you.

Answer

In my opinion

The placement panel process and procedures with regard to the allocation of integration funding and student placement needs to be consistent across the state. There needs to be a transparent process understood by all concerned.

There needs to be ongoing professional learning and resources provided to School Learning Support Teams in the preparation and submission of Integration Funding applications so that consistency of approach and equity in distribution of resources can be achieved.

Early intervention is critical in the identification of students presenting with a disability so that appropriate resources can be put in place.

There needs to be the appointment of early childhood consultants to provide timely identification of students with additional needs and liaison with all major stakeholders.

There needs to be resources provided to enable the coordination of trans-disciplinary teams, in conjunction with health professionals to identify the needs of children with disability to facilitate early referral to appropriate services.