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\$1.3million for help for aged carers

Helping aged carers in critical need is a priority for the State Government, according to Disability Services Minister Shelia McHale.

Ms McHale announced today that 28 aged carers would receive more than \$1.3million from the State Government, to assist them in caring for their adult children with disabilities.

The carers, aged 75 years and older, will be able to use the money for accommodation support, meaningful day activities and family support such as respite.

“These people have applied recently through the Disability Services Commission’s independent panel for funding but were not successful,” the Minister said.

“However, the Carpenter Government acknowledges that these carers have devoted a lifetime to caring.

“They are now seeking assistance to ensure that their adult children with disabilities are cared for within the community, and supported in a way that enhances their quality of life.

“Ageing carers have told us that what they want most of all is peace of mind, to know that their children, some of whom have profound disabilities, will be in a safe and supportive environment and we hope that this will provide that certainty for these families.”

Ms McHale said this initiative was also in line with a national commitment to place priority on responding to the needs of older carers.

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