



**SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION
29 June 2004**

Mrs PENFOLD (Flinders): Will the Minister for Disability confirm to the house that there are to be two supported accommodation facilities for the disabled in Port Lincoln? A temporary facility for four young disabled people has been operating for approximately 12 months under the management of Alabricare, and a new house called ADAM House is to be opened soon for those young people. Last week, I was delighted when the minister announced that another much-needed supported accommodation facility for young homeless people with a disability was to be established in partnership with the Catholic welfare agency Centacare, and that construction had started at Port Lincoln. The minister stated, 'and the facility will have four two-bedroom units for individual young people and two, two-bedroom units for young people with a child.'

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL (Minister for Disability): I do not quite know from what the honourable member is quoting, but this new facility was to open in Elizabeth North. Certainly, the announcement that I made last week was for a new facility for respite care in partnership with Centacare. It is actually in Elizabeth North, which is not as far north as Port Lincoln—

The Hon. R.J. McEwen interjecting:

The Hon. J.W. WEATHERILL: North-west—south-west. In any event, I am sorry to disappoint the honourable member. We did establish the ADAM project, and that was a welcomed project. I know that the proponent of that project has made it very clear in the local media and, indeed, in communications with us that there is demand for additional respite accommodation for children with disabilities. I will try to get to the bottom of what the member for Flinders is quoting from to see whether there has been some inadvertent communication.