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The Hon Mark Butler MP

Minister for Mental Health and Ageing

Amanda Rishworth MP

Federal Member for Kingston

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EXTRA FUNDING FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES IN SOUTHERN ADELAIDE

Federal Minister for Mental Health and Ageing Mark Butler and Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston have announced \$132, 500 in funding for people in the South whose capacity for independent living is at risk.

This funding is being provided through the South Australian Home and Community Care (HACC) Program – a joint initiative of the Commonwealth and South Australian Labor Governments.

Ms Rishworth said “I am delighted that this funding will enable the City of Onkaparinga to continue to provide practical assistance to help elderly people, people with a disability and their carers to remain living independently in our local community.

“People want to remain independent, in their own homes and communities, close to friends and family for as long as possible and this service helps these people to do just that, so that they do not have to move into residential care prematurely.”

Mr Butler said “More than 145 organisations delivering HACC services across the state also benefit from the funding. This will enable people to receive affordable and accessible care so they can complete every day tasks and retain their independence.”

Ms Rishworth said that the funding can be used for identified needs- such as expanding community transport or meals on wheels- and will enable the local community to benefit directly from the program.