

**2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT -
ADULT READING ASSISTANCE SCHEME (ARAS)**

Ms Maureen Vance, Co-ordinator, and Carmel Duncan, student, spoke to the Committee on the work of the scheme which assists adults with literacy problems in the Christchurch area. The organisation is part of Literacy Aotearoa and was initially established by the WEA approximately 20 years ago.

Members noted that some 20% of the community could be viewed as not being literate and that at the moment the ARAS programme was reaching only approximately 1% of this target clientele.

It was noted that the Canterbury Development Corporation assisted the programme by way of "Literacy works" part of "Actionworks" programme.

Members viewed a video on the work of the scheme and extended their congratulations to Carmel on her accomplishments and appreciation to Maureen on the work that herself and ARAS undertook.