

### **3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

#### **(a) DPA (NEW ZEALAND) INC**

Ms Alison Franklin and Mr Grant Cleland from the DPA addressed the Committee on the work of the assembly, and provided details of its vision, philosophy, policies and its principal role as an advocacy/lobby group representing individuals and service providers in the disability community.

The principal services provided by the DPA related to:

- Public forums
- Alliances with key networks
- Submissions on Public Policy
- Advice on behalf of people with disabilities
- Individual advocacy
- Regular national and regional newsletters

The Assembly has approximately 150 individual and corporate members and it was mentioned that statistically some 20% of the population of New Zealand have some form of disability, but in the southern region this was higher at 24%.

The opportunity was taken to allow members to ask questions and the Chairman thanked the representatives for attending to brief the Committee.

#### **(b) COMMUNITY ENERGY ACTION LIMITED**

Ms Delle Small gave the background to the formation of the charitable trust, which dated back to 1992/93, and was established in 1994 supported by Southpower and CEG funding.

It initially started with a curtain recycling project and provision of hot water cylinder wraps to assist in reducing energy costs for low-income people, and it now also provided do-it-yourself insulation kits. The turnover of the trust was approximately \$500,000 pa and at its peak it had employed some 21 people.

Details of the services provided in respect to under-floor insulation, draught stopping, cylinder wraps and ceiling insulation for landlords with low rental properties and people with Community Services Cards were distributed to the meeting, together with a list of the partners in the curtain recycling service.

Ms Small indicated that, with the competitive nature of the rental housing market, there was an increasing tendency for tenants to select properties with insulation.

She advised that the energy saver fund was due to cease in the next 12 months and she did not consider the objectives of this to be complete, and indicated that at some time in the future she would like to meet the Committee again to share further ideas.

The opportunity was then taken for questions and Councillor Close indicated that the Strategy and Resources Committee were shortly to consider a report on home energy rating. In addition, it was also requested that an item be arranged in City Scene giving publicity to the curtain recycling project.