

HARDSHIP UTILITY GRANT SCHEME

203. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Child Protection:

For all hardship utility grant scheme applications processed by the Department for Child Protection in each of February and March 2012, can the department please detail how many applicants were from each of the following regions: great southern; south west; Goldfields; Murchison–Gascoyne; wheatbelt; East Kimberley; West Kimberley; Pilbara; Peel; and the midwest?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The number of approved grants in the following regional development regions were: great southern, 61; south west, 110; Goldfields–Esperance, 36; Gascoyne, 11; wheatbelt, 53; East and West Kimberley, 39; Pilbara, 30; Peel, 108; and midwest, 49.