

HARDSHIP UTILITY GRANT SCHEME

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

For each of the utilities Synergy, Horizon Power, Water Corporation and Alinta Energy, with regard to the hardship utility grant scheme, for the months of February and March 2012 —

- (1) What was the number of approved grants?
- (2) What was the total grant amount?
- (3) What was the average amount paid?

**Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. This information was correct as of 2 May 2012.

- (1)–(3) In February 2012, for Synergy the number of approved grants was 1 011, the total grant value was \$362 700 and the average grant amount was \$358.75. For Horizon Power, the number of approved grants was 89, the total grant value was \$48 900 and the average grant amount was \$549.44. For the Water Corporation, the number of approved grants was 48, the total grant value was \$18 000 and the average grant amount was \$375. For Alinta Energy, the number of approved grants was 351, the total grant value was \$92 600 and the average grant amount was \$263.82.

In March 2012, for Synergy the number of approved grants was 1 376, the total grant value was \$488 700 and the average grant amount was \$355.16. For Horizon Power, the number of approved grants was 131, the total grant value was \$72 300 and the average grant amount was \$551.91. For the Water Corporation, the number of approved grants was 78, the total grant value was \$26 000 and the average grant amount was \$333.33. For Alinta Energy, the number of approved grants was 438, the total grant value was \$119 200 and the average grant amount was \$272.15.