

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILDREN IN CARE

99. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) How many children were under the care of the Department of Child Protection (DCP) during the month of May 2013, by district?
- (2) How many of these were placed in non-government group facilities, by district?
- (3) How many of these were in placements with DCP foster carers by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) How many of these were in placements with non-government organisation foster carers, by district?

Hon Helen Morton replied:

- (1) As at 31 May 2013, there were 3,978 children in care, in the following districts:
 - Armadale — 400
 - Cannington — 319
 - Fremantle — 280
 - Joondalup — 273
 - Midland — 300
 - Mirrabooka — 329
 - Perth — 253
 - Rockingham — 253
 - East Kimberley — 104
 - Goldfields — 203
 - Great Southern — 180
 - Murchison — 196
 - Peel — 217
 - Pilbara — 127
 - South West — 216
 - West Kimberley — 149
 - Wheatbelt — 171
 - Fostering and Adoption Services — 8.
- (2) As at 31 May 2013, there were 268 children placed in non-government group facilities in the following districts:
 - Armadale — 29
 - Cannington — 9
 - Fremantle — 20
 - Joondalup — 34
 - Midland — 17
 - Mirrabooka — 16
 - Perth — 23
 - Rockingham — 13
 - East Kimberley — 13
 - Goldfields — 16
 - Great Southern — 10
 - Murchison — 12
 - Peel — 4
 - Pilbara — 9
 - South West — 14
 - West Kimberley — 20
 - Wheatbelt — 9.
- (3) As at 31 May 2013, there were 1,580 children placed with departmental relative foster carers and 1,073 children placed with departmental non-relative foster carers, in the following districts:
 - Armadale — 123 relative, 139 non-relative
 - Cannington — 128 relative, 83 non-relative

Fremantle — 134 relative, 58 non-relative
Joondalup — 81 relative, 91 non-relative
Midland — 136 relative, 63 non-relative
Mirrabooka — 139 relative, 94 non-relative
Perth — 85 relative, 59 non-relative
Rockingham — 92 relative, 83 non-relative
East Kimberley — 39 relative, 10 non-relative
Goldfields — 103 relative, 26 non-relative
Great Southern — 63 relative, 51 non-relative
Murchison — 87 relative, 45 non-relative
Peel — 103 relative, 73 non-relative
Pilbara — 73 relative, 13 non-relative
South West — 75 relative, 98 non-relative
West Kimberley — 75 relative, 23 non-relative
Wheatbelt — 44 relative, 62 non-relative
Fostering and Adoption Services — 0 relative, 2 non-relative.

- (4) As at 31 May 2013, there were 378 children placed with non-government organisation foster carers, in the following districts:

Armadale — 50
Cannington — 41
Fremantle — 30
Joondalup — 40
Midland — 44
Mirrabooka — 36
Perth — 46
Rockingham — 34
East Kimberley — 6
Goldfields — 15
Great Southern — 10
Murchison — 3
Peel — 3
Pilbara — 3
South West — 6
West Kimberley — 3
Wheatbelt — 8.