

HARDSHIP UTILITY GRANT SCHEME — WATER — MIRRABOOKA ELECTORATE

4627. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Water:

I refer to the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS) and for each suburb of the Mirrabooka electorate ask:

- (a) how many people applied for assistance in relation to water bills for each quarter between 2013 - 2015;
- (b) how many people paid penalty interest on late water bills for each quarter between 2013 - 2015:
 - (i) what was the rate of interest payable;
 - (ii) how much interest was raised between 2013 - 2015; and
 - (iii) how has the penalty interest been used; and
- (c) how many people have had water supply restricted for non-payment of water bills in each quarter between 2013 - 2015?

Ms M.J. Davies replied:

- (a) [See tabled paper No 3625.].
- (b) [See tabled paper No 3625.].
 - (i) The current interest rate varies between 0 per cent and 12.38% per cent depending on customer circumstances. Prior to June 2013 the interest rate may have been up to 13.39% and prior to June 2014 up to 12.83%.
 - (ii) \$1 677.15
 - (iii) Absorbed into general revenue.
- (c) [See tabled paper No 3625.].