

CHILD PROTECTION — COMPULSORY INCOME MANAGEMENT

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

- (1) During the months of September 2012, October 2012 and November 2012, how many individuals did the Department of Child Protection refer to Centrelink for compulsory income management, by district?
- (2) How many individuals with children have presented seeking financial assistance on two or more occasions to the department for the period 1 September 2012 to 30 November 2012, by district?
- (3) How many of these individuals have been assessed for the purpose of referral to the income management program, by district?

Hon Helen Morton replied:

- (1) Centrelink data indicates that the Department referred the following number of clients to Centrelink in each of the following months, by district:

	September 2012	October 2012	November 2012
Armadale	2	4	3
Cannington	4	3	0
East Kimberley	3	1	8
Fremantle	5	6	6
Joondalup	3	2	6
Midland	6	5	7
Mirrabooka	1	3	4
Peel	0	0	1
Perth	1	1	0
Rockingham	7	12	13
West Kimberley	3	1	5
Total	35	38	53

- (2) Between 1 September 2012 and 30 November 2012, 47 distinct individuals with children have presented, seeking financial assistance on two or more occasions, to the same district of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support. The breakdown by district is as follows:

District	Number
Fremantle	5
Goldfields	2
Great Southern	5
Joondalup	1
Midland	2
Mirrabooka	4
Murchison	9
Peel	8
Perth	2
Pilbara	1
Rockingham	1
Southwest	6
Wheatbelt	1

- (3) This is managed on an individual client basis. The Department does not statistically link these clients with assessment for referral to income management. Referrals for income management are recorded via Centrelink's Unified Government Gateway, which is not a Department for Child Protection and Family Support system.