

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILDREN IN CARE

59. 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 February 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 28 February 2013, there were 3,938 children in care, in the following districts:
Armadale — 382
Cannington — 313
Fremantle — 293
Joondalup — 276
Midland — 286
Mirrabooka — 318
Perth — 249
Rockingham — 247
East Kimberley — 101
Goldfields — 199
Great Southern — 181
Murchison — 193
Peel — 224
Pilbara — 118
South West — 205
West Kimberley — 157
Wheatbelt — 179
Fostering and Adoption Services — 13
Other work units — 4.
- (2) As at 28 February 2013, there were 264 children placed in non-government group facilities in the following districts:
Armadale — 28
Cannington — 6
Fremantle — 16
Joondalup — 33
Midland — 22
Mirrabooka — 17
Perth — 23
Rockingham — 13
East Kimberley — 13
Goldfields — 19
Great Southern — 6
Murchison — 16
Peel — 5
Pilbara — 8
South West — 13
West Kimberley — 16
Wheatbelt — 10.
- (3) As at 28 February 2013, there were 1,062 children placed with departmental foster carers, in the following districts:
Armadale — 130
Cannington — 90
Fremantle — 58
Joondalup — 97

Midland — 62
Mirrabooka — 96
Perth — 60
Rockingham — 79
East Kimberley — 8
Goldfields — 27
Great Southern — 43
Murchison — 43
Peel — 75
Pilbara — 10
South West — 93
West Kimberley — 24
Wheatbelt — 64
Other work units — 1
Fostering and Adoption Services — 2

Additionally, 1,564 children were placed with relative foster carers.

- (4) As at 28 February 2013, there were 342 children placed with non-government organisation foster carers, in the following districts:

Armadale — 49
Cannington — 35
Fremantle — 30
Joondalup — 37
Midland — 34
Mirrabooka — 35
Perth — 44
Rockingham — 31
East Kimberley — 4
Goldfields — 12
Great Southern — 9
Murchison — 3
Peel — 3
Pilbara — 0
South West — 6
West Kimberley — 3
Wheatbelt — 7.