

NO INTEREST LOANS SCHEME

1794. Mr BROWN to the Minister for Family and Children's Services:

- (1) Has the Government established the Western Australia No Interest Loans Scheme?
- (2) When was the scheme established?
- (3) As at 18 February 2000, had the scheme made any loans?
- (4) If so, how many?
- (5) Once a person makes an application for a loan, what is the period of time they will have to wait until they know the loan is approved?
- (6) What has been the average time a person has had to wait for a loan to be approved?
- (7) After the loan has been approved, what period of time does it take for the payment to be made?

Mrs van de KLASHORST replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The scheme commenced in January 2000.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The WA NILS Network advises that the scheme has made thirteen loans as at 18 February 2000.
- (5) The WA NILS Network advises that once an application for a loan is lodged with the Network the period of time people have to wait until they know the loan is approved is up to fourteen days.
- (6) The WA NILS Network advises that the average time a person has to wait for a loan to be approved is approximately eight days once an application has been lodged.
- (7) The WA NILS Network advises that after a loan has been approved the period of time for payment to be made is an average of 7 to 8 days.