

FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT AMENDMENT BILL 2000

Appropriations

Message from the Governor received and read recommending appropriations for the purposes of the Bill.

Second Reading

Resumed from an earlier stage of the sitting.

MR KIERATH (Riverton - Minister for Planning) [4.22 pm]: I have received the information requested by the Opposition regarding the number of first home owner grant scheme applications from 1 July to 30 September 2000. In July 2000, the Government received 1 540 applications and paid 408 grants. In August, it received 1 837 applications and paid 1 460 grants. In September, 1 450 applications were received and 1 271 grants were paid. Those numbers peaked in August and then dropped back. For the year to date, 4 827 applications were received and 3 139 grants were paid. Those figures indicate that the peak has been reached. I hope that satisfies the Opposition's request for information. I commend the Bill to the House.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time, proceeded through remaining stages without debate, and transmitted to the Council.