

FARMS, SOUTH EASTERN WHEATBELT

32. Hon M.D. NIXON to the Minister for Agriculture:

- (1) How many farm businesses in the south eastern wheatbelt have applied for exceptional circumstance support?
- (2) How many have been successful and received interest subsidy?
- (3) How many have been successful and qualified for income support?
- (4) How many have been rejected?
- (5) How many are still to be processed?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) 75 have applied for exceptional circumstance interest rate subsidy support and 355 have applied for exceptional circumstance relief payment income support. Income support by way of an exceptional circumstance relief payment is administered by Centrelink.
- (2) Seven exceptional circumstance income relief support applications have been approved as of Wednesday, 2 May.
- (3) 278 exceptional circumstance relief payment applications have been approved.
- (4) One exceptional circumstance income relief support application has been rejected and Centrelink has rejected 55 relief payment applications.
- (5) 67 exceptional circumstance income relief support applications and 22 exceptional circumstance relief payment applications are still to be processed. In many instances this was due to a need for additional information from the applicant.