

CHILD PROTECTION — REGISTERED CARERS

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

- (1) During the month of May 2013, what was the total number of registered carers with four or more children placed with them by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (2) During the month of May 2013, what was the total number of interim carers with four or more children placed with them by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (3) During the month of May 2013, how many carers had an interim registration for more than 90 days by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) During the month of May 2013, how many carers had a 'carer record screening' overdue or not recorded by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (5) During the month of May 2013, how many carers had overdue 'carer reviews' by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?

Hon Helen Morton replied:

- (1) These data are not retrospectively available. As at 13 June 2013, 64 relative and 58 non-relative approved carers had four or more children placed in the following districts:

Armadale — 3 relative, 11 non-relative
Cannington — 8 relative, 2 non-relative
East Kimberley — 1 relative, 1 non-relative
Fremantle — 6 relative, 3 non-relative
Goldfields — 4 relative, 2 non-relative
Great Southern — 3 relative, 2 non-relative
Joondalup — 2 relative, 7 non-relative
Midland — 5 relative, 3 non-relative
Mirrabooka — 6 relative, 6 non-relative
Murchison — 4 relative, 2 non-relative
Peel — 5 relative, 4 non-relative
Perth — 1 relative, 3 non-relative
Pilbara — 3 relative, 0 non-relative
Rockingham — 5 relative, 2 non-relative
South West — 4 relative, 4 non-relative
West Kimberley — 2 relative, 1 non-relative
Wheatbelt — 2 relative, 5 non-relative
Fostering and Adoption Services — 0 relative and 0 non-relative.

During the last twelve months there has been an increase of six relative carers with four or more children placed. The number of non-relative carers with four or more children placed has decreased by four in the same period.

- (2)–(3) Due to a policy change in March 2013, carers are no longer approved on an interim basis, however approved carers and other placement options are available in emergency situations under Section 79 (2)(b) of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*.
- (4) These data are not retrospectively available. As at 13 June 2013, 31 relative and 5 non-relative approved individual carers had a carer record screening not recorded in the following districts:

Armadale — 2 relative, 0 non-relative
Cannington — 0 relative, 0 non-relative
East Kimberley — 0 relative, 0 non-relative
Fremantle — 5 relative, 1 non-relative
Goldfields — 2 relative, 0 non-relative
Great Southern — 5 relative, 0 non-relative
Joondalup — 3 relative, 1 non-relative
Midland — 1 relative, 0 non-relative
Mirrabooka — 6 relative, 1 non-relative
Murchison — 0 relative, 0 non-relative
Peel — 4 relative, 1 non-relative

- Perth — 0 relative, 0 non-relative
Pilbara — 2 relative, 0 non-relative
Rockingham — 0 relative, 0 non-relative
South West — 0 relative, 0 non-relative
West Kimberley — 1 relative, 0 non-relative
Wheatbelt — 0 relative, 1 non-relative
Fostering and Adoption Services — 0 relative and 0 non-relative.
- (5) These data are not retrospectively available. As at 13 June 2013, 292 relative and 156 non-relative carer households with children placed had overdue 'carer reviews' in the following districts:
- Armadale — 45 relative, 17 non-relative
Cannington — 30 relative, 12 non-relative
East Kimberley — 8 relative, 2 non-relative
Fremantle — 24 relative, 12 non-relative
Goldfields — 24 relative, 1 non-relative
Great Southern — 15 relative, 10 non-relative
Joondalup — 10 relative, 6 non-relative
Midland — 27 relative, 19 non-relative
Mirrabooka — 19 relative, 20 non-relative
Murchison — 11 relative, 6 non-relative
Peel — 27 relative, 22 non-relative
Perth — 7 relative, 3 non-relative
Pilbara — 7 relative, 1 non-relative
Rockingham — 16 relative, 17 non-relative
South West — 5 relative, 0 non-relative
West Kimberley — 9 relative, 1 non-relative
Wheatbelt — 7 relative, 5 non-relative
Fostering and Adoption Services — 1 relative and 2 non-relative.