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Hon Dr Sally Talbot; Hon Helen Morton Replied:

CHILD PROTECTION — COMPULSORY INCOME MANAGEMENT

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

- (1) During the months of December 2012, January 2013 and February 2013, how many individuals did the Department of Child Protection refer to Centrelink for compulsory income management by district?
- (2) How many individuals with children have presented seeking financial assistance on two or more occasions to the department for the period 1 December 2012 to 28 February 2013 by district?
- (3) How many of these individuals have been assessed for the purpose of referral to the income management program by district?

Hon Helen Morton replied:

(1) Centrelink data indicates that the Department referred the following number of clients to Centrelink in each of the following months, by district:

	December 2012	January 2013	February 2013
Armadale	5	2	7
Cannington	2	1	3
East Kimberley	2	3	8
Fremantle	2	9	7
Joondalup	7	5	3
Midland	16	10	7
Mirrabooka	3	0	0
Peel	0	0	1
Perth	1	0	1
Rockingham	6	4	3
West Kimberley	0	15	0
Total	44	49	40

(2) Between 1 December 2012 and 28 February 2013, 69 distinct individuals with children have presented, seeking financial assistance on two or more occasions, to the same district of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support. The breakdown by district is as follows:

District	Number	
Armadale	1	
Cannington	1	
Crisis Care	7	
East Kimberley	8	
Fremantle	14	
Great Southern	11	
Joondalup	2	
Midland	2	
Mirrabooka	1	
Murchison	7	
Peel	6	
Perth	1	
Southwest	2	
West Kimberley	3	
Wheatbelt	3	

(3) This is managed on an individual client basis. The Department does not statistically link these clients with assessment for referral to income management. Referrals for income management are recorded via Centrelink's Unified Government Gateway, which is not a Department for Child Protection and Family Support system.