

CHILD PROTECTION — FOSTER CARERS

**56. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) As at 28 February 2013, what was total number of applications to be a foster carer approved by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (2) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total number of registered foster carers by category of relative carer and non-relative carer, by district?
- (3) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total number of interim foster carers, by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total number of registered foster carers with children placed, by category of relative and non-relative carers, by district?
- (5) As at 28 February 2013, what was the total number of interim foster carers with children placed, by category of relative and non-relative carers, by district?

**Hon Helen Morton replied:**

- (1) In February 2013, there were 42 relative and 12 non-relative foster carer applications approved in the following districts:

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

- (2) These data are not retrospectively available. As at 11 March 2013, there were 1,346 relative and 816 non-relative approved foster carer households in the following districts:

Armadale — 114 relative, 76 non-relative  
Cannington — 132 relative, 56 non-relative  
East Kimberley — 48 relative, 12 non-relative  
Fremantle — 134 relative, 48 non-relative  
Goldfields — 75 relative, 27 non-relative  
Great Southern — 53 relative, 40 non-relative  
Joondalup — 73 relative, 71 non-relative  
Midland — 87 relative, 49 non-relative  
Mirrabooka — 121 relative, 57 non-relative  
Murchison — 58 relative, 36 non-relative  
Peel — 80 relative, 48 non-relative  
Perth — 86 relative, 37 non-relative  
Pilbara — 55 relative, 9 non-relative  
Rockingham — 55 relative, 51 non-relative  
South West — 51 relative, 68 non-relative  
West Kimberley — 70 relative, 22 non-relative  
Wheatbelt — 49 relative, 53 non-relative  
Fostering and Adoption Services — 5 relative, 56 non-relative.

- (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. The number of interim carers as at February 2013 cannot be obtained retrospectively.
- (4) These data are not retrospectively available. As at 11 March 2013, there were 923 relative and 536 non-relative foster carer households with children placed in the following districts:
- Armadale — 84 relative, 55 non-relative
  - Cannington — 77 relative, 43 non-relative
  - East Kimberley — 26 relative, 4 non-relative
  - Fremantle — 78 relative, 31 non-relative
  - Goldfields — 56 relative, 14 non-relative
  - Great Southern — 35 relative, 29 non-relative
  - Joondalup — 51 relative, 46 non-relative
  - Midland — 69 relative, 35 non-relative
  - Mirrabooka -78 relative, 46 non-relative
  - Murchison — 41 relative, 22 non-relative
  - Peel — 55 relative, 31 non-relative
  - Perth — 58 relative, 28 non-relative
  - Pilbara — 43 relative, 4 non-relative
  - Rockingham — 48 relative, 41 non-relative
  - South West — 36 relative, 51 non-relative
  - West Kimberley — 57 relative, 14 non-relative
  - Wheatbelt — 29 relative, 28 non-relative
- Fostering and Adoption Services — 2 relative, 14 non-relative.
- (5) 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. The number of interim carers as at February 2013 cannot be obtained retrospectively.