

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILDREN IN CARE

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

- (1) How many children were under the care of the Department of Child Protection (DCP) during the month of November 2012, by district?
- (2) How many of these were placed in non-Government group facilities, by district?
- (3) How many of these were in placements with DCP foster carers by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) How many of these were in placements with non-Government organisation foster carers, by district?

Hon Helen Morton replied:

- (1) As at 30 November 2012, there were 3,922 children in care, in the following districts:
 - Armadale — 389
 - Cannington — 309
 - Fremantle — 305
 - Joondalup — 283
 - Midland — 266
 - Mirrabooka — 319
 - Perth — 243
 - Rockingham — 230
 - East Kimberley — 103
 - Goldfields — 198
 - Great Southern — 169
 - Murchison — 203
 - Peel — 233
 - Pilbara — 111
 - South West — 200
 - West Kimberley — 156
 - Wheatbelt — 188
 - Fostering and Adoption Services — 14
 - Other work units — 3.
- (2) As at 30 November 2012, there were 263 children placed in non-government group facilities in the following districts:
 - Armadale — 30
 - Cannington — 5
 - Fremantle — 12
 - Joondalup — 30
 - Midland — 20
 - Mirrabooka — 23
 - Perth — 21
 - Rockingham — 14
 - East Kimberley — 17
 - Goldfields — 18
 - Great Southern — 8
 - Murchison — 21
 - Peel — 6
 - Pilbara — 7
 - South West — 9
 - West Kimberley — 13
 - Wheatbelt — 9.
- (3) As at 30 November 2012, there were 1,058 children placed with departmental foster carers, in the following districts:
 - Armadale — 132
 - Cannington — 88
 - Fremantle — 64
 - Joondalup — 106

Midland — 59
Mirrabooka — 94
Perth — 63
Rockingham — 74
East Kimberley — 8
Goldfields — 32
Great Southern — 36
Murchison — 43
Peel — 72
Pilbara — 8
South West — 84
West Kimberley — 27
Wheatbelt — 63
Fostering and Adoption Services — 5
Other work units — 0

Additionally, 1,532 children were placed with relative foster carers.

- (4) As at 30 November 2012, there were 357 children placed with non-government organisation foster carers, in the following districts:

Armadale — 51
Cannington — 40
Fremantle — 35
Joondalup — 39
Midland — 40
Mirrabooka — 35
Perth — 46
Rockingham — 29
East Kimberley — 2
Goldfields — 12
Great Southern — 7
Murchison — 2
Peel — 3
Pilbara — 0
South West — 6
West Kimberley — 3
Wheatbelt — 7.