

CHILD PROTECTION — FOSTER CARERS

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

- (1) As at 31 May 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 31 May 2013, what was the total number of registered foster carers, by category of relative carer and non-relative carer, by district?
- (3) As at 31 May 2013, what was the total number of interim foster carers, by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) As at 31 May 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 31 May 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 May 2013, there were 51 relative and 19 non-relative foster carer applications approved in the following districts:

Armadale — 0 relative, 0 non-relative
Cannington — 2 relative, 1 non-relative
East Kimberley — 4 relative, 1 non-relative
Fremantle — 2 relative, 3 non-relative
Goldfields — 0 relative, 1 non-relative
Great Southern — 3 relative, 3 non-relative
Joondalup — 3 relative, 1 non-relative
Midland — 5 relative, 3 non-relative
Mirrabooka — 6 relative, 0 non-relative
Murchison — 2 relative, 1 non-relative
Peel — 7 relative, 1 non-relative
Perth — 2 relative, 1 non-relative
Pilbara — 2 relative, 0 non-relative
Rockingham — 6 relative, 1 non-relative
South West — 4 relative, 1 non-relative
West Kimberley — 0 relative, 0 non-relative
Wheatbelt — 2 relative, 0 non-relative
Fostering and Adoption Services — 1 relative, 1 non-relative.
- (2) These data are not retrospectively available. As at 4 June 2013, there were 1,383 relative and 820 non-relative approved foster carer households in the following districts:

Armadale — 118 relative, 76 non-relative
Cannington — 135 relative, 56 non-relative
East Kimberley — 40 relative, 13 non-relative
Fremantle — 123 relative, 48 non-relative
Goldfields — 74 relative, 27 non-relative
Great Southern — 58 relative, 44 non-relative
Joondalup — 80 relative, 71 non-relative
Midland — 95 relative, 53 non-relative
Mirrabooka — 125 relative, 54 non-relative
Murchison — 59 relative, 34 non-relative
Peel — 87 relative, 48 non-relative
Perth — 82 relative, 37 non-relative
Pilbara — 59 relative, 12 non-relative
Rockingham — 63 relative, 52 non-relative
South West — 57 relative, 68 non-relative
West Kimberley — 71 relative, 24 non-relative
Wheatbelt — 52 relative, 49 non-relative

- Fostering and Adoption Services — 5 relative, 54 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 under Section 79 (2)(b) of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*.
- (4) These data are not retrospectively available. As at 4 June 2013, there were 930 relative and 533 non-relative foster carer households with children placed in the following districts:
- Armadale — 80 relative, 57 non-relative
 - Cannington — 74 relative, 40 non-relative
 - East Kimberley — 28 relative, 5 non-relative
 - Fremantle — 77 relative, 32 non-relative
 - Goldfields — 57 relative, 13 non-relative
 - Great Southern — 33 relative, 30 non-relative
 - Joondalup — 54 relative, 46 non-relative
 - Midland — 72 relative, 37 non-relative
 - Mirrabooka -80 relative, 43 non-relative
 - Murchison — 44 relative, 20 non-relative
 - Peel — 58 relative, 28 non-relative
 - Perth — 60 relative, 25 non-relative
 - Pilbara — 43 relative, 7 non-relative
 - Rockingham — 49 relative, 41 non-relative
 - South West — 41 relative, 51 non-relative
 - West Kimberley — 50 relative, 12 non-relative
 - Wheatbelt — 28 relative, 30 non-relative
- Fostering and Adoption Services — 2 relative, 16 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 under Section 79 (2)(b) of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*.