

CHILD PROTECTION — SAFETY AND WELLBEING ASSESSMENTS

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

- (1) As at 31 May 2013, what was the number of new Safety and Wellbeing Assessments for a Child recorded during that month, by district?
- (2) As at 31 May 2013, what was the number of new Safety and Wellbeing Assessments with a harm assessment recorded during the month, by district?
- (3) As at 31 May 2013, what was the number of children in care for more than 20 days with no planning recorded, by district?
- (4) As at 31 May 2013, what was the number of Safety and Wellbeing Assessment with a harm assessment open for more than 90 days, by district?
- (5) As at 31 May 2013, what were the number of open Safety and Wellbeing Assessments with a harm assessment, by district?
- (6) As at 31 May 2013, what was the number of ‘monitored’ or ‘active holding’ cases not allocated to workers caseload, by district?

Hon Helen Morton replied:

- (1) There were 1,118 new safety and wellbeing assessments for a child recorded during the month of May 2013, and their distribution by district was:
Armadale — 79
Cannington — 97
Crisis Care — 59
East Kimberley — 70
Fremantle — 24
Goldfields — 47
Great Southern — 48
Joondalup — 53
Midland — 81
Mirrabooka — 82
Murchison — 113
Peel — 32
Perth — 31
Pilbara — 52
Rockingham — 108
South West — 56
West Kimberley — 22
Wheatbelt — 64.
- (2) Refer to question one. The Department no longer distinguishes between safety and wellbeing assessments with and without harm concerns at the assessment stage. All safety and wellbeing concerns are assessed.
- (3) There were four children in care for more than 30 days with no planning recorded as at 31 May 2013. They were from the following districts:
Great Southern — 1
Murchison — 1
Perth — 1
West Kimberley — 1.
- (4) As at 31 May 2013, there were 485 safety and wellbeing assessments open for more than 90 days, in the following districts:
Armadale — 61
Cannington — 53
Crisis Care — 5
East Kimberley — 16

Fremantle — 22
Goldfields — 37
Great Southern — 22
Joondalup — 6
Midland — 99
Mirrabooka — 41
Murchison — 29
Peel — 11
Perth — 5
Pilbara — 4
Rockingham — 31
South West — 11
West Kimberley — 24
Wheatbelt — 8.

- (5) The Department no longer distinguishes between safety and wellbeing assessments with and without harm concerns at the assessment stage. As at 31 May 2013, there were 2,170 open safety and wellbeing assessments, in the following districts:

Armadale — 229
Cannington — 211
East Kimberley — 118
Fremantle — 58
Goldfields — 109
Great Southern — 93
Joondalup — 60
Midland — 291
Mirrabooka — 250
Murchison — 161
Peel — 71
Perth — 40
Pilbara — 84
Rockingham — 165
South West — 73
West Kimberley — 81
Wheatbelt — 76.

- (6) As at 31 May 2013, there were 532 monitored cases across the following districts:

Armadale — 54
Cannington — 65
East Kimberley — 25
Fremantle — 59
Goldfields — 20
Great Southern — 40
Joondalup — 43
Midland — 25
Mirrabooka — 25
Murchison — 82
Peel — 18
Perth — 9
Pilbara — 13
Rockingham — 18
South West — 14
West Kimberley — 8
Wheatbelt — 14.