

HARDSHIP UTILITY GRANT SCHEME — WATER CORPORATION

1016. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the Minister for Child Protection:

How many applications were approved under the hardship utility grant scheme for customers of the Water Corporation for each of the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July and August 2015?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

I have been advised by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support that a system error has been discovered with the HUGS online system and it is currently being fixed. Once this is resolved, the HUGS data for some months in 2015 will need to be validated to confirm its reliability. It is anticipated that a response to this question will be provided by Tuesday, 13 October 2015. However, I am aware that, on a quarterly basis, all the information that the member asked about HUGS is available on the website. I do not know whether it goes as late as August 2015, but the previous quarters' information would be available there. Nevertheless, I will provide the member with the updated information on Tuesday, 13 October.