

CHILD PROTECTION — FOSTER CARERS

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

- (1) As at 30 November 2012, 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 30 November 2012, what was the total number of registered foster carers by category of relative carer and non-relative carer, by district?
- (3) As at 30 November 2012, what was the total number of interim foster carers, by category of relative and non-relative carer, by district?
- (4) As at 30 November 2012, 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 30 November 2012, 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 November 2012, there were 44 relative and 15 non-relative foster carer applications approved in the following districts:
Armadale — 2 relative, 1 non-relative
Cannington — 6 relative, 2 non-relative
East Kimberley — 1 relative, 0 non-relative
Fremantle — 1 relative, 0 non-relative
Goldfields — 1 relative, 1 non-relative
Great Southern — 0 relative, 1 non-relative
Joondalup — 4 relative, 1 non-relative
Midland — 7 relative, 1 non-relative
Mirrabooka — 3 relative, 2 non-relative
Murchison — 5 relative, 0 non-relative
Peel — 4 relative, 0 non-relative
Perth — 4 relative, 0 non-relative
Pilbara — 0 relative, 0 non-relative
Rockingham — 1 relative, 1 non-relative
South West — 1 relative, 1 non-relative
West Kimberley — 1 relative, 1 non-relative
Wheatbelt — 2 relative, 0 non-relative
Fostering and Adoption Services — 1 relative, 3 non-relative.
- (2) These data are not retrospectively available. As at 10 December 2012, there were 1,310 relative and 803 non-relative approved foster carer households in the following districts:
Armadale — 102 relative, 74 non-relative
Cannington — 132 relative, 55 non-relative
East Kimberley — 49 relative, 9 non-relative
Fremantle — 129 relative, 49 non-relative
Goldfields — 73 relative, 28 non-relative
Great Southern — 49 relative, 37 non-relative
Joondalup — 75 relative, 70 non-relative
Midland — 89 relative, 49 non-relative
Mirrabooka — 108 relative, 56 non-relative
Murchison — 64 relative, 37 non-relative
Peel — 79 relative, 46 non-relative
Perth — 85 relative, 40 non-relative
Pilbara — 52 relative, 7 non-relative
Rockingham — 50 relative, 49 non-relative
South West — 56 relative, 69 non-relative
West Kimberley — 68 relative, 22 non-relative
Wheatbelt — 47 relative, 50 non-relative
Fostering and Adoption Services — 3 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 30 November 2012 cannot be obtained retrospectively.
- (4) These data are not retrospectively available. As at 10 December 2012, there were 915 relative and 519 non-relative foster carer households with children placed in the following districts:
- Armadale — 75 relative, 51 non-relative
 - Cannington — 80 relative, 38 non-relative
 - East Kimberley — 29 relative, 3 non-relative
 - Fremantle — 78 relative, 32 non-relative
 - Goldfields — 59 relative, 14 non-relative
 - Great Southern — 35 relative, 20 non-relative
 - Joondalup — 48 relative, 50 non-relative
 - Midland — 66 relative, 33 non-relative
 - Mirrabooka -72 relative, 43 non-relative
 - Murchison — 47 relative, 22 non-relative
 - Peel — 55 relative, 33 non-relative
 - Perth — 59 relative, 26 non-relative
 - Pilbara — 40 relative, 3 non-relative
 - Rockingham — 42 relative, 42 non-relative
 - South West — 38 relative, 51 non-relative
 - West Kimberley — 58 relative, 15 non-relative
 - Wheatbelt — 33 relative, 25 non-relative
 - Fostering and Adoption Services — 1 relative, 18 non-relative.
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