

CHILDREN'S COURT — LEGAL AID APPLICANTS

2274. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Western Australian State Budget 2019–20, page 369, Significant Issues Impacting the Agency, 20., and I ask:

- (a) (a) what percentage of legal aid applicants in cases in the protection and care jurisdiction of the Children's Court were deemed eligible for aid but were not successful in receiving a grant of aid; and
- (b) (b) how many individual legal aid applicants in cases in the protection and care jurisdiction of the Children's Court were deemed eligible for aid but were not successful in receiving a grant of aid?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) In 2018/19, 2.68% of applicants in the protection and care jurisdiction were deemed eligible for aid but were not successful in receiving a grant of aid.
- (b) In 2018/19, 20 applicants were deemed eligible for aid but were not successful in receiving a grant of aid. It should be noted that in this jurisdiction, clients stop applying for legal aid when funding is restricted and a large number of potential applicants were diverted to the duty lawyer services for advice and assistance.