

HARDSHIP UTILITY GRANT SCHEME

Question without Notice 302 — Answer Advice

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House) [5.05 pm]: I would like to provide an answer to Hon Colin Tincknell's question without notice 302 asked yesterday. I seek leave to have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

Answer

(1)–(3)

Month	Requests made	Requests granted	Value of grant approved
Jan-17	2,778	2,655	\$1,051,824
Feb-17	3,009	2,902	\$1,199,095
Mar-17	4,315	4,227	\$1,806,925
Apr-17	2,594	2,547	\$1,068,582
May-17	5,175	5,033	\$2,054,824
Jun-17	8,337	8,125	\$3,174,524
Jul-17	10,989	10,697	\$4,020,042
Aug-17	6,697	6,640	\$2,754,285
Sep-17	8,266	8,198	\$3,238,007
Oct-17	9,693	9,541	\$3,641,132
Nov-17	5,606	5,505	\$1,974,872
Dec-17	5,723	5,568	\$1,910,221
Jan-18	5,507	5,290	\$1,962,417
Feb-18	1,316	1,183	\$538,868
Mar-18	771	704	\$351,161
Apr-18	438	406	\$201,619
May-18	839	700	\$342,684
Jun-18	759	606	\$296,506
Jul-18	952	786	\$414,330
Aug-18	1,303	913	\$486,652
Sep-18	1,399	1,183	\$637,854
Oct-18	1,087	943	\$506,471
Nov-18	1,771	1,600	\$845,104
Dec-18	1,453	1,298	\$683,596
Jan-19	1,257	1,109	\$590,930
Feb-19	1,002	895	\$475,230
Mar-19	1,397	1,212	\$644,879
Total	37,197	42,826	\$35,813,425

(4)–(5) The Department of Communities neither collects nor collates data pertaining to either debts written off by specific utility providers or the number of bankruptcies where household consumer accounts may appear as part of individual Statements of Affairs.

I would encourage the Member to ask the individual Ministers responsible for each utility for which people are eligible for a HUGS grant to help with payment for this data.
