

HARDSHIP UTILITY GRANT SCHEME

447. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to the answer the minister provided to question without notice 302 asked previously. I am concerned about the accuracy of the answer provided. I accept it may simply be a typo, but I ask the minister to have the answer reviewed. Specifically, I draw her attention to the fact that the total number of hardship utility grant scheme applications approved is more than the number of requests made by 5 629. Clearly, this is incorrect. Second, the total grant requests made is stated as being 37 197, yet the figures provided add to 94 433. Third, the total grant approvals are listed as 42 826, yet calculate to be 90 466. The total value of grants approved is stated as \$35 813 427, yet the figure we have calculated from the figures provided is closer to \$36 872 634. These are considerable discrepancies. Can the minister please clarify these anomalies?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

This question was asked originally on 11 April. I am advised that the answer is still current today. One of the figures the member stated is slightly different from the figure that I have written here. I will give him the answer and he can check whether he needs it to be further clarified. On behalf of the minister, I apologise for the incorrect information provided to the member as part of the response to question without notice 302. This resulted from an administrative error.

I seek leave to have the corrected answer, which is in tabular form, incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

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

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Total	94,433	90,466	\$36,872,634
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