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Hon Alison Xamon; Hon Michael Mischin

LEGAL AID — FAMILY COURT MATTERS

2159. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to parents applying for Legal Aid in the Family Court, and ask -

- (1) How many individuals have requested Legal Aid for Family Court cases in
 - (a) 2005;
 - (b) 2006;
 - (c) 2007;
 - (d) 2008; and
 - (e) 2009?
- (2) How many applications were granted on first application?
- (3) How many applications were denied in the first instance and on what grounds?
- (4) How many appeals against decisions to deny Legal Aid were received?
- (5) How many applications for Legal Aid that were denied in the first instance were later approved through the appeals process?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

1. For financial years:

(a)	2004/2005	4781
(b)	2005/2006	4823
(c)	2006/2007	5156
(d)	2007/2008	5194
(e)	2008/2009	5021
(f)	YTD Feb 2010	3566

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(a)	2004/2005	3231
(b)	2005/2006	3275
(c)	2006/2007	3970
(d)	2007/2008	3864
(e)	2008/2009	3395
(f)	YTD Feb 2010	2034

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	5. MEANS	356
	6. MEANS, MERIT	21
	7. MERIT	106
	8. INSUFICIENT FUNDS	1
	2006/07 TOTAL	1523
2007/08	1. GUIDELINES	902
	2. GUIDELINES, MEANS	297
	3. GUIDELINES, MERIT	106
	4. GUIDELINES, MEANS, MERIT	13
	5. MEANS	307
	6. MEANS, MERIT	8
	7. MERIT	33
	8. INSUFICIENT FUNDS	1
	2007/08 TOTAL	1667
2008/09	1. GUIDELINES	771
	2. GUIDELINES, MEANS	223
	3. GUIDELINES, MERIT	68
	4. GUIDELINES, MEANS, MERIT	5
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	6. MEANS, MERIT	42
	7. MERIT	130
	2008/09 TOTAL	1670
2009/10	1. GUIDELINES	480
	2. GUIDELINES, MEANS	165
	3. GUIDELINES, MERIT	87
	4. GUIDELINES, MEANS, MERIT	32
	5. MEANS	256
	6. MEANS, MERIT	72
	7. MERIT	159
	8. INSUFICIENT FUNDS	179
	2009/10 TOTAL	1430

- 4. 2004/2005 — 457 (a)
 - 2005/2006 559 (b)
 - 2006/2007 509 2007/2008 547 2008/2009 544 (c)
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- 5. 2004/2005 — 209 (a)
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 - (d) 2007/2008 - 273
 - (e) 2008/2009 — 304
 - (f) YTD Feb 2010 - 146