

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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FINANCIAL YEAR	REASON FOR REFUSAL	TOTAL
2004/05	1. GUIDELINES	788
	2. GUIDELINES, MEANS	182
	3. GUIDELINES, MERIT	140
	4. GUIDELINES, MEANS, MERIT	25
	5. MEANS	291
	6. MEANS, MERIT	11
	7. MERIT	72
	2004/05 TOTAL	1509
2005/06	1. GUIDELINES	697
	2. GUIDELINES, MEANS	163
	3. GUIDELINES, MERIT	178
	4. GUIDELINES, MEANS, MERIT	37
	5. MEANS	324
	6. MEANS, MERIT	29
FINANCIAL YEAR	REASON FOR REFUSAL	TOTAL
	7. MERIT	98
	8. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS	23
	2005/06 TOTAL	1549
2006/07	1. GUIDELINES	690
	2. GUIDELINES, MEANS	167
	3. GUIDELINES, MERIT	153
	4. GUIDELINES, MEANS, MERIT	29

	5. MEANS	356
	6. MEANS, MERIT	21
	7. MERIT	106
	8. INSUFFICIENT 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. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS	1
	2007/08 TOTAL	1667
2008/09	1. GUIDELINES	771
	2. GUIDELINES, MEANS	223
	3. GUIDELINES, MERIT	68
	4. GUIDELINES, MEANS, MERIT	5
	5. MEANS	431
	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. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS	179
	2009/10 TOTAL	1430

4.
 - (a) 2004/2005 — 457
 - (b) 2005/2006 — 559
 - (c) 2006/2007 — 509
 - (d) 2007/2008 — 547
 - (e) 2008/2009 — 544
 - (f) YTD Feb 2010 — 476
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 - (a) 2004/2005 — 209
 - (b) 2005/2006 — 198
 - (c) 2006/2007 — 280
 - (d) 2007/2008 — 273
 - (e) 2008/2009 — 304
 - (f) YTD Feb 2010 — 146