

- (1) How many families have applied for the First Start program?
- (2) How many of these applications have been processed?
- (3) How many of these processed applications have been successful?
- (4) What is the process time from receipt of application to approval/decline for each application?
- (5) How many of the received applications are from the metropolitan area?
- (6) How many of the received applications are from regional areas?
- (7) How many of the received applications are from rural areas?
- (8) How many of the received applications are from Bunbury families?
- (9) How many applications have been approved for Bunbury families?
- (10) How many applications have been received and approved for families in the South West?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

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Under the scheme, the State Government, through the Department of Housing and Works, will purchase a share in the property and provide the homebuyer with a Keystart low-deposit loan to purchase the remaining share. The Department will purchase up to 40 percent for families with incomes under \$60,000; up to 30 per cent for couples with incomes under \$50,000; and up to 30 per cent for singles with incomes under \$35,000.

Already, overall more than 200 West Australian households have been approved for a First Start Home loan and have purchased or are in the process of purchasing a property.

Homes already purchased have ranged from \$124,000 to \$365,000. Properties have been purchased throughout the State including in Perth, Albany, Armadale, Bentley, Clarkson, Mandurah, Nollamara, Northam, Port Kennedy, Wanneroo, Wagin and Yokine. The dollar value of the homes purchased is \$17.107 million.

The Department of Housing and Works advises the following information is current as at 21 May 2007:

- 1) 2,379
- 2) 2,340
- 3) 165
- 4) 2 days if all documentation is in order.
- 5) 1,917
- 6) 189
- 7) 273
- 8) 52
- 9) 4
- 10) 7

HOUSING - FIRST START PROGRAM

2244. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Housing and Works

Can the Minister please advise -

- (1) How many couples have applied for the First Start program?
- (2) How many of these applications have been processed?
- (3) How many of these processed applications have been successful?
- (4) How many of the received couples' applications are from the metropolitan area?
- (5) How many of the received couples' applications are from regional areas?
- (6) How many of the received couples' applications are from rural areas?
- (7) How many of the received applications are from Bunbury couples?
- (8) How many applications have been approved for Bunbury couples?
- (9) How many applications have been received and approved for couples in the South West?

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- 1) 520
- 2) 513
- 3) 16
- 4) 437
- 5) 32
- 6) 51
- 7) 43
- 8) 2 applications are being processed for pre-approval.
- 9) 12 applications are being processed for pre-approval.

HOUSING - FIRST START PROGRAM

2245. Mr G.M. Castrilli to the Minister for Housing and Works

Can the Minister please advise -

- (1) How many singles have applied for the First Start program?
- (2) How many of these applications have been processed?
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- (4) How many of the received singles' applications are from the metropolitan area?
- (5) How many of the received singles' applications are from regional areas?
- (6) How many of the received singles' applications are from rural areas?
- (7) How many of the received applications are from Bunbury singles?
- (8) How many applications have been approved for Bunbury singles?
- (9) How many applications have been received and approved for singles in the South West?

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