

Estimates Committee 2003

Questions Taken On Notice

(01/10/2002 to 01/10/2004)

Date: 06/25/2003

Output:

Sub Output: Tax-Related
Subsidies

Subject: First Home Owners Grant

From: Mr WOOD to Honourable Syd STIRLING
Deputy Chief Minister

Question: **2-1**
How many people were given first home owner grants in 2002-03, how many got grants in 2001-02, and were any first home owner grants given to people who live outside the Territory's major population centres?

Answer:

Answered On: 06/24/2003

Answer: Written response received 24/06/2003

How many First Home Owner Grants were paid in 2001-02 and thus far in 2002-03?

Number of Grants Paid - 2001-02: No. 1637, Amount Paid \$14.2M

Number of Grants Paid - 2002-03 (to 31 May 2003): No. 1107, Amount Paid \$M\$8.3M

The drop in the number of grants in 2002-03 is partly due to the Commonwealth Government ceasing the increased first home owner grant (known as the Additional Grant) provided to first home buyers that purchase or build a new home (as opposed to an existing home). From 9 March 2001 until 31 December 2001, the Additional Grant amounted to \$7 000 (ie. Total grant of \$10 000) for the period 1 January 2002 to 30 June 2002.

Were any First Home Owner Grants made outside of the major population centres?

Yes. Indicative estimates are:

2001-02: 58

2002-03 (thus far): 42

For these purposes, the major population centres have been assumed to be Darwin (including Palmerston), Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy.