

Questions by Members under Notice

(a) Housing Benefit

By Councillor Murray to Councillor Whitbread, Finance and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

“Following the recent cutbacks planned for Housing Benefit announced by the present coalition Government could the Portfolio Holder please give the best possible estimate of:

(a) the number of Epping Forest District claimants that could face a cut in their housing benefit entitlement;

(b) the number of Epping Forest District families that might face real difficulties in paying their rent; and

(c) the number of Epping Forest District families that could possibly be forced into giving up their existing privately rented home to find cheaper accommodation.”