

## Question on Notice

No. 240

Asked on Wednesday 28 April 2004

**Mr ROBERTS** asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Welford) -

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Nudgee Electorate-

- (1) Will he advise the number of (a) Justices of the Peace (Magistrates Court), (b) Justices of the Peace (Qualified) and (c) Commissioners for Declaration?
- (2) What services or support does his department provide to these people?

### ANSWER:

- (1) A search of the Justices of the Peace Register indicates the following number of registered Commissioners for Declarations, Justices of the Peace (Qualified) and Justices of the Peace (Magistrates Court) in each category since the introduction of the *Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations Act 1991* for the Nudgee Electorate.

Commissioners for Declarations	574
Justices of the Peace (Qualified)	262
Justices of the Peace (Magistrates Court)	2

- (2) The Justices of the Peace Branch distributed the annual edition of the "Justice Papers" earlier this year. This was the tenth year the paper has been published including information on changes to legislation affecting Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations and providing procedural advice and other relevant information.

The Justices of the Peace Branch will continue to provide seminars throughout State electorates when requested by Members of Parliament. The seminars include information on changes to legislation and the correct procedures to follow for Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations.

I recommend all Members of Parliament continue to encourage and support constituents from their electorates seeking appointment to this important community role as either a Commissioner for Declarations or Justice of the Peace.