

Question on Notice
No. 921
Asked on 31 August 2004

Mr PURCELL asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing (MR SCHWARTEN) -

QUESTION:

What is the progress of the construction of the Magistrates Court and, in particular, what is the training component of the project?

ANSWER:

Work is on track for the Department of Justice and Attorney-General to move in as planned in November 2004.

Work is currently underway on finalising court rooms fit-out, external works (including footpaths and landscaping) and the facade. In addition, the installation of loose furniture will commence on 4 October 2004.

Training outcomes on the project have been significant. It is anticipated that the project's 96,000 hours training target will be achieved. Approximately 92,000 hours have been achieved to-date. Training initiatives on the project include the fit-out of the Murri (Indigenous) Court by apprentices/trainees and a dedicated Brisbane Magistrates Court site training day. The training day was a major event where the site was open to the public, government and industry. Training providers staffed apprenticeship advisory booths, live construction demonstrations by various trades occurred and over 300 workers attended formal industry training sessions.

The project has been nominated for Construction Training Queensland's annual State award for industry training innovation and commitment.