

## Question on Notice

No. 1039

Asked on Thursday, 8 June 2006

**MR MCARDLE** asked the Minister for Justice and Attorney-General (Mrs Lavarch):

### QUESTION:

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice No. 1318 asked on Thursday, 25 August 2005 and with reference to Legal Aid funding for 2005-06 -

- (1) What is the total amount of funding provided for Legal Aid cases for Brisbane and each regional office in Queensland (reported separately)?
- (2) What is the total number of applications made for Legal Aid funding for Brisbane and each regional office in Queensland (reported separately)?
- (3) Of those applications listed in (2) what is the total number of applications approved for Brisbane and each regional office in Queensland (reported separately)?

### ANSWER:

- (1) The funding committed to enable private solicitors and the in-house legal practice to undertake legal aid casework for Brisbane and each regional office in Queensland is in the tables.

2005-06 - Year to Date 31 May 2006

| Region       | Total           |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Brisbane     | \$28,240,999.24 |
| Bundaberg    | \$3,483,939.57  |
| Caboolture   | \$3,151,495.30  |
| Cairns       | \$3,390,754.99  |
| Inala        | \$43,157.00     |
| Ipswich      | \$4,325,867.20  |
| Mackay       | \$523,221.00    |
| Maroochydore | \$3,394,529.69  |
| Mt Isa       | \$94,623.00     |
| Rockhampton  | \$2,592,136.62  |
| Southport    | \$3,970,256.30  |
| Toowoomba    | \$3,004,416.37  |
| Townsville   | \$5,140,340.25  |
| Woodridge    | \$5,251,420.88  |
| Total        | \$66,607,157.41 |

- (2)(3) The number of applications considered for Brisbane and each regional office and the decisions made are in the tables. Both private solicitors and the in-house legal practice are included.

2005-06 - Year to Date 31 May 2006

| Region       | Approved | Total  |
|--------------|----------|--------|
| Brisbane     | 10,078   | 12,040 |
| Bundaberg    | 2,007    | 2,720  |
| Caboolture   | 1,991    | 2,325  |
| Cairns       | 1,693    | 2,077  |
| Inala        | 69       | 69     |
| Ipswich      | 2,099    | 2,517  |
| Mackay       | 260      | 269    |
| Maroochydore | 1,576    | 1,975  |
| Mt Isa       | 66       | 66     |
| Rockhampton  | 1,511    | 1,845  |
| Southport    | 2,168    | 2,699  |
| Toowoomba    | 1,535    | 1,959  |
| Townsville   | 2,277    | 2,929  |
| Woodridge    | 2,576    | 3,088  |
| Total        | 29,908   | 36,582 |