

Question on Notice

No. 180

Asked on Wednesday, 1 March 2006

Mrs MILLER asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mrs Lavarch) -

QUESTION:

How can Justices of the Peace (Qualified) and Commissioners for Declarations in the electorate of Bundamba advise people of their appointment and their services?

ANSWER:

Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations in the electorate of Bundamba may choose several methods to advise people of their appointment and services.

Upon appointment, Justices of the Peace (Qualified) and Commissioners for Declarations receive a Certificate of Registration from the Department of Justice and Attorney-General which verifies their appointment, if needed, to members of the public.

Many Justices of the Peace (Qualified) and Commissioners for Declarations advertise their appointment and services on business cards or on letterhead. Registered Justices of the Peace or Commissioners for Declarations may purchase window stickers and letter box signs from the Justices of the Peace Branch of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General to assist them when advertising their services.

Also, all newly appointed Justices of the Peace (Qualified) and Commissioners for Declarations are encouraged to register their name and contact telephone number on the Department of Justice and Attorney-General's website www.justice.qld.gov.au which enables members of the public to quickly locate a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner for Declarations in their suburb and currently gives the public access to over 8000 names listed on the website.

Many appointed Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations also decide to let the Officer in Charge of the local police station know of their availability to witness documents or attend records of interview.

The "JPs in the Community" program is another way for Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations to advertise their services in electorates. This program now has sixty sites at shopping centres, courthouses and libraries where the public can find a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner for Declarations. Information on the program is available from my Department's website and should you wish to consider this community program in your electorate please contact the Justices of the Peace Branch for further information.