

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 513**

**Asked on Wednesday, 19 April 2006**

**Mr PETER WELLINGTON** asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mrs Lavarch) -

### **QUESTION:**

What additional permanent resources are required to be installed at the Nambour Court House so magistrates are able to hear more matters than are presently able to be heard at the court house?

### **ANSWER:**

I refer to my response to Question On Notice 326 tabled on 7 April 2006 which provides information about the allocation of court matters at Nambour Magistrates Court as a matter for the regional co-ordinating Magistrate. Court call-overs are convened at Nambour and presided over by the circuit Magistrate from Maroochydore Courthouse. Call-overs were previously held once a month at Nambour, however, since the beginning of this year, have been increased to twice per month, with matters being set for hearing at the Maroochydore Courthouse.

Should the co-ordinating Magistrate determine that additional matters be listed for hearing at Nambour; resources can be reallocated to meet this demand.

A relevant consideration is that the police watchhouse, police prosecution and legal aid services are based in Maroochydore.