

**Question on Notice
No.550
Asked on 20 April 2006**

QUESTION:

MR WELLINGTON asked the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle)—

- (1) As at the date of this question, how many full-time and part-time staff are attached to the Sunshine Coast Environmental Protection Agency office?
- (2) How do these statistics compare with the staff numbers at the office in 2004 and 2001?

ANSWER:

- (1) The Sunshine Coast District of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has staff based at Maroochydore, Maleny and Kenilworth providing services for park and forest management and pollution, waste management and incident control.

The table below provides permanent FTE (full time equivalent) staff numbers for the Sunshine Coast District Office at Maroochydore for the periods in question:

Attendance Type	April 2001	April 2004	April 2006
Full-time	12.0	18.0	24.0
Part-time	0	0.9	1.3
Grand Total	12.0	18.9	25.3

- (2) As at April 2006, there has been a 111 percent increase in permanent FTE's located at the Sunshine Coast District Office at Maroochydore since April 2001 and a 34 percent increase since April 2004.

In addition to the permanent staff based at the Maroochydore Office, the EPA has staff based at Maleny, Kenilworth and a number of parks and forests in the Sunshine Coast District. On occasion, the Agency also employs temporary staff to undertake specific project activities such as the delivery of the capital works program, restoration work undertaken for natural disaster relief, and additional communication and maintenance duties undertaken during peak visitor periods.