

Question on Notice

No. 587

Asked on Friday, 21 April 2006

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

QUESTION:

Will she advise the success of the Queensland Justices Association providing volunteer Justice of the Peace services in local shopping centres?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Justices Association (QJA) should be recognised for arranging the provision of Justices of the Peace services in local shopping centres and court registries across the state. Members of the QJA and other Associations make themselves available to assist members of the community requiring documents to be witnessed.

There are currently 69 services provided across Queensland. Almost one-third of these (21) have been provided as an initiative of the QJA. The majority of the centres have been opened as a result of the efforts of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General working towards providing an extensive Justices of the Peace Branch service across the State. As the lead agency in Government for Justices of the Peace, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General has provided Justices of the Peace services in 46 sites, other Justices of the Peace associations (in addition to the QJA) co-operating with the Department have opened two other centres.

A list of all the Justice of the Peace signing centres, including the sites affiliated by the QJA, are available on my Department's website (www.justice.qld.gov.au).