

**Question on Notice**

**No. 530**

**Asked on Thursday, 15 March 2007**

**Mr MOORHEAD** asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland (Mr Shine) -

**QUESTION:**

What is the Beenleigh (Southern District) Courthouse doing to ensure renewable energy use?

**ANSWER:**

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General (the Department) is now using 100% renewable energy generation for its electricity supplies for several of its largest courts in south-east Queensland.

Beenleigh (Southern Districts) Courthouse is one of six courthouses that began purchasing electricity in late 2006 generated from renewable energy sources. The other courthouses include the Supreme and District Courts in Brisbane and the Brisbane, Maroochydore and Southport Magistrates Courts.

The Department's agreement to purchase renewable energy for the next three years represents:

- taking 9,286 unleaded motor cars off the road for one year; or
- powering 5,200 Queensland households for a year; or
- planting 157,857 trees.

By choosing renewable energy, these courts are using cleaner renewable energy sources, instead of electricity generated from coal, to limit the production of greenhouse gases.

The Department is committed to the promotion, development and use of renewable, environmentally sustainable forms of energy and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.