

**Question on Notice**

**No. 665**

**Asked on Thursday , 19 April 2007**

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

**QUESTION:**

- (1) Will he advise the total number of people in the Nudgee Electorate in each of the following Categories (a) JP (Qualified), (b) JP and (c) Commissioner for Declarations?
- (2) What services and/or support is available to assist them perform their duties?

**ANSWER:**

- (1) As at the date this question was asked there were 834 Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations in the Nudgee Electorate. The breakdown by category is:
  - Four Justices of the Peace (Magistrates Court);
  - 280 Justices of the Peace (Qualified);
  - 220 Commissioners for Declarations; and
  - 330 Justices of the Peace (Commissioners for Declarations).
- (2) The Justices of the Peace Branch of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General provides ongoing support to all Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations in the electorate through:
  - response to individual requests of assistance, in writing or by telephone advice, by training officers;
  - provision of refresher seminars on request by the local member;
  - professional advice printed in the Justice Papers distributed to all registered Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations;
  - should any of the Justices of the Peace or Commissioners for Declarations in the Nudgee electorate be involved in the "JPs in the Community" program, professional advice is offered through a regular newsletter;
  - mail-outs to electorate offices of necessary information, e.g. witnessing Land Title documents; and
  - information on legislative amendments, handbook updates and other relevant information is posted on the web site.