

Question on Notice

No. 971

Asked on Friday, 8 June 2007

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

QUESTION:

For 2005-06 and 2006-07 (to date) (each year reported separately) -

- (1) How many Queensland District Court criminal trials have resulted in a hung jury?
- (2) How many Queensland Supreme Court criminal trials have resulted in a hung jury?

ANSWER:

(1) The figures shown below include Queensland District Court criminal trials where a jury could not reach a verdict on at least one charge on an indictment. This includes trials where verdicts have been reached on some charges.

<u>Queensland District Court</u>	
Number of criminal trials where at least one offence resulted in a hung jury	
Year	Number
2005-06	38
2006-07 (to date)	42

(2) The figures shown below include Queensland Supreme Court criminal trials where a jury could not reach a verdict on at least one charge on an indictment. This includes trials where verdicts have been reached on some charges.

<u>Queensland Supreme Court</u>	
Number of criminal trials where at least one offence resulted in a hung jury	
Year	Number
2005-06	3
2006-07 (to date)	3