

Question on Notice

No. 693

Asked on 11 May 2011

MR BLEIJIE asked the Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Minister for Local Government and Special Minister of State (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Department of Justice exams for justices of the peace and commissioners of declaration—

- (1) How many people who sat the justice of the peace or commissioner of declaration exam and were trained through a non-government entity sat the exam in 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 (reported by year)?
- (2) How many people in (1) (a) passed and (b) failed their exam (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Kawana for his question.

Compulsory examinations only apply to applicants seeking appointment as a Justice of the Peace (Qualified). It is not compulsory to undertake an examination to become a Commissioner for Declarations.

The collection of relevant data commenced in 2009-2010 following the Justices of the Peace Branch becoming a Registered Training Organisation. However, it should be noted that it is not compulsory for examinees to undertake training or indicate whether they had received training when becoming a Justice of the Peace (Qualified). As stated above they must pass an examination. Examinees may if they so wish, self-nominate this information by completing the relevant section provided on the coversheet of the exam.

In 2009-2010, only 20 examinees self-nominated that they were trained through a non-Government entity of which 11 passed and nine failed.

In 2010-2011, 103 examinees self-nominated that they were trained through a non-Government entity of which 56 passed and 47 failed.