

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 510**

**Asked on 7 August 2013**

**Mr Minnikin** asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (MR BLEIJIE)–

QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General advise what is being done by the government to support Justices of the Peace in the Chatsworth Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for his question.

Within the Chatsworth electorate there are 1256 registered Justices of the Peace (JPs) and Commissioners for Declarations (C.Decs).

The Justices of the Peace Branch (JP Branch), within the Department of Justice and Attorney-General conducts a number of activities to support JPs and C.Decs across Queensland and in the Chatsworth electorate, which includes a professional development seminar for the Chatsworth electorate on Thursday, 23 October 2013, available to all JPs and C.Decs registered within the electorate.

JPs and C.Decs are encouraged to attend the professional development workshops held at the Justices of the Peace Branch, Level 6, 154 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane. These are held regularly on a cyclic basis and are free.

A full time mentoring officer can assist existing and newly appointed JPs and C.Decs to further their skills and professional development. The mentoring officer can be contacted on 3109 1981.

JPs and C.Decs are able to access the website [www.justice.qld.gov.au/jp](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/jp) to obtain professional literature such as technical bulletins, legislative updates and news of upcoming related events.

The new JP Application is available for JPs and C.Decs to access on their smartphones (available on iPhone and android models). Users can also sign up for the RSS feed for instant updates when new changes happen and will receive the soon to be released e-bulletin.

JPs and C.Decs can participate in the highly successful “JPs in the Community” program at the Carindale library, within the electorate. This centre operates: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00am - 2:00pm; Thursday, 6:00pm - 7:30pm; Saturday, 10:00am - 12:00noon. To participate, JPs and C.Decs can contact the Community Engagement Officer on 3109 1767.

The JP Branch is able to provide assistance on 1300 301 147 should any JP or C.Dec require specific information to assist them in their role as a JP or C.Dec.