

Question on Notice

No. 381

Asked on 1 May 2018

MS J PEASE ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General advise (a) how many Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations have received long service awards in the electorate of Lytton, for 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70 years respectively and (b) how many Lytton community members volunteer as Justices of the Peace or Commissioners for Declarations?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Lytton for her question.

I can confirm there have been a total of 107 long service awards presented to Justices of the Peace (Qualified) and Commissioners for Declarations in Lytton since 2001. Eighty of those awards were for 25 years long service while the remaining 27 were for 50 years long service.

There are currently 949 registered Justices of the Peace, Justices of the Peace (Qualified) (JP), Commissioners for Declarations (Cdec), Justices of the Peace (Commissioner for Declarations) and Justices of the Peace (Magistrates Court) in the Lytton Electorate.

Of those registered, 20 currently volunteer in the JPs in the Community Program (18 Justices of the Peace and two Commissioners for Declarations).

Signing sites in the Lytton Electorate include the Wynnum Courthouse on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 10am-1pm, Friday 10am-4pm, Wynnum Plaza Shopping Centre on Thursday 6pm-8pm, Saturday 10am-12pm and the Wynnum Library on Thursday 5:45pm-7:45pm and Saturday 10am-12pm.

JPs provide an important service to the Queensland Community. Department of Justice and Attorney-General records indicate volunteer JPs and Cdecs are providing more than 110,000 hours of witnessing services to the community each year.

This year marks 15 years since the JPs in the Community Program commenced. Established in 2003, The JPs in the Community Program has more than 1,700 JPs volunteering at over 220 community signing sites across the state ranging from Coolangatta in the South, to Mareeba in the North and as far West as Mount Isa.

The volunteers provide the Queensland community with easy access to witnessing services across the state. The sites cater for people seeking to have documents witnessed, such as statutory declarations, affidavits, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Land Title documents and wills. I commend all involved who provide their services to the Queensland community, and particularly those who have serviced the community for many years.

Community members of Lytton interested in becoming a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner for Declarations should see the 'How to become a JP' section at www.qld.gov.au/jps.