

Question on Notice

No. 436

Asked on 2 May 2018

MR D PEGG 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 Stretton Electorate, for 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70 years respectively and (b) how many Stretton community members volunteer as Justices of the Peace or Commissioners for Declarations?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Stretton for his question and I thank him for his support of Justices of the Peace (JP) and Commissioners for Declarations (Cdec) in his electorate.

I can confirm there has been a total of 167 long service awards presented to Justices of the Peace (Qualified) and Commissioners for Declarations since 2001. 126 of those awards were for 25 years long service while the remaining 41 were for 50 years long service.

Currently, 987 Justices of the Peace, Justices of the Peace (Qualified), Commissioners for Declarations, Justices of the Peace (Commissioner for Declarations) and Justices of the Peace (Magistrates Court) are registered in the Stretton Electorate. Of those registered, 29 volunteer in the JPs in the Community Program (24 Justices of the Peace and five Commissioners for Declarations).

Signing sites in the Stretton Electorate include the Calamvale Shopping Centre on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-2pm and the Sunnybank Library (located within Sunnybank Hills Shopping Town) on Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-2pm and Saturday from 10am-1pm.

2018 is a significant year for JPs and Cdec in Queensland. The Queensland Justices Association (QJA) is celebrating 100 years of representing Queensland Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations. It is also 15 years since the JPs in the Community Program was established, providing accessible witnessing services to the community.

The JPs in the Community signing sites, staffed by volunteers, cater for people seeking to have documents witnessed such as statutory declarations, affidavits, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Land Title documents and wills.

There are many long serving JPs in the electorate of Stretton who volunteer at community signing sites. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all JPs and Cdec for their service to the community, and particularly those long serving JPs and Cdec who have volunteered for many years at these sites.