

## Question on Notice

No. 342

Asked on 31 March 2022

**MR T NICHOLLS** ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND MINISTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON S FENTIMAN) –

### QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General provide the total number of judges and magistrates in Queensland (reported separately by year for the last five years)?

### ANSWER:

The total number of judges and magistrates appointed in Queensland varies over the course of a year as resignations and retirements take effect and new appointments are made.

The number of judges and magistrates in Queensland as at 30 June for each of the previous four years and the current year to date are outlined in the table below.

| Year                       | Supreme Court and Court of Appeal Judges | District Court Judges <sup>1</sup> | Magistrates <sup>2</sup> | Acting Magistrates <sup>3</sup> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2018 (as at 30 June 2018)  | 28                                       | 39 <sup>4</sup>                    | 97                       | 36                              |
| 2019 (as at 30 June 2019)  | 29 <sup>5</sup>                          | 41 <sup>6</sup>                    | 96                       | 43                              |
| 2020 (as at 30 June 2020)  | 28 <sup>7</sup>                          | 41                                 | 98                       | 48                              |
| 2021 (as at 30 June 2021)  | 28                                       | 41                                 | 98                       | 40                              |
| 2022 (as at 11 April 2022) | 28                                       | 41                                 | 98                       | 57                              |

I continue to work closely with the Heads of Jurisdiction, who closely monitor their respective Court lists to ensure they have the appropriate resources.

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<sup>1</sup> The Chief Magistrate is included in the total number of District Court Judges as the Chief Magistrate is a District Court Judge appointed to the role of Chief Magistrate.

<sup>2</sup> Total number of magistrates also includes magistrates appointed on a part-time basis

<sup>3</sup> Acting Magistrates are appointed to act as Magistrate when called upon by the Chief Magistrate. Acting Magistrates receive remuneration only when performing role of magistrate.

<sup>4</sup> One District Court Judge position vacant as at 30 June 2018

<sup>5</sup> Funding allocated from 2018-2019 for additional Supreme Court Judge position

<sup>6</sup> Funding allocated from 2018-2019 for an additional District Court Judge position.

<sup>7</sup> Former Chief Justice Tim Carmody not replaced following resignation on 10 September 2019.