

Question on Notice

No. 299

Asked on 2 April 2025

MR P RUSSO ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR INTEGRITY (HON D FRECKLINGTON)

QUESTION:

With reference to long service awards for Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations—

Will the Attorney-General advise (a) how many long service award certificates have been granted by year and category since 2012, (b) who currently signs long service award certificates and (c) has there been a change in the individual who signs the certificates?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Toohey for his question.

The Government recognises the valuable service provided by Justices of the Peace (JPs) and Commissioners for Declaration (Cdecs) to the Queensland community and the significant contribution they make to the Queensland justice system.

JPs and Cdecs registered in Queensland can be nominated by their Member of Parliament for a long service award once they have provided 25, 40, 50, 60 or 70 years of continual service.

I am advised that the JP and Cdec Register reflects the number of long service award certificates granted by year and category since 2012 as follows:

Year	Certificates by category
2012	25 Years – 7, 40 Years – 1, 50 Years – 2
2013	25 Years – 3
2014	25 Years – 1, 40 Years – 1
2015	25 Years – 3,710, 40 Years – 112, 50 Years – 1,120
2016	25 Years – 414, 40 Years – 11, 50 Years – 229
2017	25 Years – 246, 40 Years – 78, 50 Years – 107, 60 Years – 3, 70 Years – 2
2018	25 Years – 149, 40 Years – 104, 50 Years – 47, 60 Years – 8, 70 Years – 2
2019	25 Years – 216, 40 Years – 73, 50 Years – 36, 60 Years – 3, 70 Years – 1
2020	25 Years – 347, 40 Years – 307, 50 Years – 58, 60 Years – 79, 70 Years – 7
2021	25 Years – 189, 40 Years – 63, 50 Years – 31, 60 Years – 3
2022	25 Years – 630, 40 Years – 85, 50 Years – 31, 60 Years – 4
2023	25 Years – 438, 40 Years – 172, 50 Years – 47, 60 Years – 2
2024	25 Years – 119, 40 Years – 45, 50 Years – 39, 60 Years – 4, 70 Years – 2
2025 (YTD)	25 Years – 7, 40 Years – 23, 50 Years – 9, 60 Years – 2

The signing of long service award certificates can be done by either the Attorney-General or the Registrar of the Justices of the Peace Branch (JP Registrar). During leave or Caretaker periods the JP Registrar has always signed the certificates in order to avoid delays.

During the recent Caretaker period and following the change of government, 73 certificates were signed by the Registrar under interim arrangements.

I have advised the Justices of the Peace Branch that it is my preference all long service award certificates are signed by me in my capacity as Attorney-General. This is important to recognise the vital role JPs and Cdecs play in ensuring access to justice services in our communities.

Any JP or Cdec who wishes to be nominated for a long service award certificate can speak to their local Member of Parliament or visit www.qld.gov.au/jplongservice to nominate online.