

Question on Notice

No. 1665

Asked on Tuesday 23 November 2004

MR SPRINGBORG asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Welford) –

QUESTION:

With reference to Legal Aid funding for each of the last two financial years and for the year to date (reported separately):

- (1) What is the total amount of funding provided for legal cases for Brisbane and each regional office in Queensland (reported separately)?
- (2) What is the total number of applications made for legal aid funding for Brisbane and each regional office in Queensland (reported separately)?
- (3) For those applications listed in (2), what is the total number of applications approved for Brisbane and each regional office in Queensland (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

- (1) The funding provided to private solicitors to undertake legal aid casework for each regional office is listed in the table below. It includes the value of casework provided by Legal Aid Queensland's in-house legal practice.

2002/2003

Region	In-House Disbursements	Assigned Commitment	Total
Brisbane	\$9,967,492.54	\$13,808,308.45	\$23,775,800.99
Bundaberg	\$448,822.30	\$2,102,702.06	\$2,551,524.36
Caboolture	\$294,236.00	\$1,915,777.00	\$2,210,013.00
Cairns	\$692,631.20	\$2,524,831.80	\$3,217,463.00
Inala	\$44,087.00	\$0.00	\$44,087.00
Ipswich	\$236,816.00	\$3,261,032.50	\$3,497,848.50
Mackay	\$470,692.50	\$0.00	\$470,692.50
Maroochydore	\$357,300.00	\$3,288,946.86	\$3,646,246.86
Mt Isa	\$100,294.75	\$0.00	\$100,294.75
Rockhampton	\$406,719.00	\$1,950,630.31	\$2,357,349.31
Southport	\$580,750.50	\$2,659,865.00	\$3,240,615.50
Toowoomba	\$545,389.01	\$2,172,195.34	\$2,717,584.35
Townsville	\$408,536.00	\$4,383,349.94	\$4,791,885.94
Woodridge	\$464,938.00	\$3,298,594.95	\$3,763,532.95
Total	\$15,018,704.80	\$41,366,234.21	\$56,384,939.01

2003/2004

Region	In-House Disbursements	Assigned Commitment	Total
Brisbane	\$10,425,155.95	\$15,864,432.41	\$26,289,588.36
Bundaberg	\$415,893.00	\$2,749,524.02	\$3,165,417.02
Caboolture	\$351,221.00	\$2,406,515.00	\$2,757,736.00
Cairns	\$653,171.50	\$2,621,712.52	\$3,274,884.02
Inala	\$50,862.00	\$0.00	\$50,862.00
Ipswich	\$315,425.00	\$3,677,047.00	\$3,992,472.00
Mackay	\$591,000.50	\$770.00	\$591,770.50
Maroochydore	\$365,675.00	\$3,279,365.39	\$3,645,040.39
Mt Isa	\$76,102.00	\$0.00	\$76,102.00
Rockhampton	\$340,642.00	\$2,200,625.37	\$2,541,267.37
Southport	\$581,203.00	\$3,221,632.50	\$3,802,835.50
Toowoomba	\$629,655.74	\$2,184,009.60	\$2,813,665.34
Townsville	\$524,851.50	\$4,703,267.74	\$5,228,119.24
Woodridge	\$480,849.88	\$3,908,135.69	\$4,388,985.57
Total	\$15,801,708.07	\$46,817,037.24	\$62,618,745.31

Year to date 31 October 2004

Region	In-House Disbursements	Assigned Commitment	Total
Brisbane	\$4,403,008.80	\$5,802,102.23	\$10,205,111.03
Bundaberg	\$194,060.78	\$1,193,986.51	\$1,388,047.29
Caboolture	\$213,864.00	\$964,780.00	\$1,178,644.00
Cairns	\$356,020.00	\$1,036,891.75	\$1,392,911.75
Inala	\$22,723.00	\$0.00	\$22,723.00
Ipswich	\$172,255.00	\$1,500,561.00	\$1,672,816.00
Mackay	\$244,636.00	\$0.00	\$244,636.00
Maroochydore	\$122,972.00	\$1,296,359.61	\$1,419,331.61
Mt Isa	\$26,020.00	\$0.00	\$26,020.00
Rockhampton	\$152,304.00	\$844,993.22	\$997,297.22
Southport	\$209,093.00	\$1,239,221.80	\$1,448,314.80
Toowoomba	\$270,016.00	\$919,117.51	\$1,189,133.51
Townsville	\$217,793.10	\$1,873,384.54	\$2,091,177.64
Woodridge	\$196,636.00	\$1,660,919.29	\$1,857,555.29
Total	\$6,801,401.68	\$18,332,317.46	\$25,133,719.14

Note in relation to funding: These are funds committed for grants of aid approved to preferred suppliers to conduct legal aid cases during the specified period, less a write back factor. The write back factor occurs as grants of aid are for maximum fees which are not expended in all cases.

- (2) and (3) The number of applications considered for each regional office is listed in the table below. All matters, both private solicitors and in-house legal practice, are included.

2002/2003

Region	Approved	Pending	Refused	Withdrawn	Total
Brisbane	11,337	0	2,770	42	14,149
Bundaberg	1,611	0	739	27	2,377
Caboolture	1,321	6	606	0	1,933
Cairns	1,727	0	583	21	2,331
Inala	79	0	0	0	79
Ipswich	2,059	0	639	0	2,698
Mackay	330	0	14	3	347
Maroochydore	1,735	1	722	0	2,458
Mt Isa	84	0	13	1	98
Rockhampton	1,434	0	470	27	1,931
Southport	1,899	0	709	19	2,627
Toowoomba	1,483	0	809	12	2,304
Townsville	2,640	3	821	40	3,504
Woodridge	2,089	0	614	43	2,746
Total	29,828	10	9,509	235	39,582

2003/2004

Region	Approved	Pending	Refused	Withdrawn	Total
Brisbane	10,194	2	2,611	54	12,861
Bundaberg	1,715	0	889	17	2,621
Caboolture	1,391	1	527	0	1,919
Cairns	1,605	0	609	10	2,224
Inala	83	0	0	0	83
Ipswich	2,000	0	548	0	2,548
Mackay	339	0	7	2	348
Maroochydore	1,511	0	513	2	2,026
Mt Isa	73	0	1	0	74
Rockhampton	1,359	0	467	19	1,845
Southport	1,861	0	759	0	2,620
Toowoomba	1,400	0	733	13	2,146
Townsville	2,639	0	805	25	3,469
Woodridge	2,255	0	535	19	2,809
Total	28,425	3	9,004	161	37,593

Year to date 31 October 2004

Region	Approved	Refused	Withdrawn	Total
Brisbane	3,840	809	21	4,670
Bundaberg	839	214	5	1,058
Caboolture	603	118	0	721
Cairns	593	214	1	808
Inala	33	0	0	33
Ipswich	763	162	0	925
Mackay	108	1	1	110
Maroochydore	598	147	0	745
Mt Isa	19	0	0	19
Rockhampton	619	153	2	774
Southport	711	205	0	916
Toowoomba	519	212	6	737
Townsville	921	236	10	1,167
Woodridge	853	191	6	1,050
Total	11,019	2,662	52	13,733