

Question on Notice

No. 1318

Asked on Thursday, 25 August 2005

MR SPRINGBORG asked the Minister for Justice and Attorney-General (Mrs Lavarch):

QUESTION:

With reference to Legal Aid funding for 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 (reported separately):

- (1) What is the total amount of funding provided for legal aid 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)?

MRS LAVARCH:

- (1) The funding committed to enable private solicitors and in-house legal practice to undertake legal aid casework for Brisbane and each regional office in Queensland is provided in the following tables:

2002/2003

Region	Total
Brisbane	\$23,775,800.99
Bundaberg	\$2,551,524.36
Caboolture	\$2,210,013.00
Cairns	\$3,217,463.00
Inala	\$44,087.00
Ipswich	\$3,497,848.50
Mackay	\$470,692.50
Maroochydore	\$3,646,246.86
Mt Isa	\$100,294.75
Rockhampton	\$2,357,349.31
Southport	\$3,240,615.50
Toowoomba	\$2,717,584.35
Townsville	\$4,791,885.94
Woodridge	\$3,763,532.95
Total	\$56,384,939.01

2003/2004

Region	Total
Brisbane	\$26,289,588.36
Bundaberg	\$3,165,417.02
Caboolture	\$2,757,736.00

Region	Total
Cairns	\$3,274,884.02
Inala	\$50,862.00
Ipswich	\$3,992,472.00
Mackay	\$591,770.50
Maroochydore	\$3,645,040.39
Mt Isa	\$76,102.00
Rockhampton	\$2,541,267.37
Southport	\$3,802,835.50
Toowoomba	\$2,813,665.34
Townsville	\$5,228,119.24
Woodridge	\$4,388,985.57
Total	\$62,618,745.31

2004/2005

Region	Total
Brisbane	\$ 30,651,415.99
Bundaberg	\$ 4,111,332.87
Caboolture	\$ 3,537,778.15
Cairns	\$ 3,919,282.68
Inala	\$ 50,835.00
Ipswich	\$ 4,853,006.00
Mackay	\$ 712,191.70
Maroochydore	\$ 4,150,308.15
Mt Isa	\$ 79,778.50
Rockhampton	\$ 3,093,931.06
Southport	\$ 4,582,961.40
Toowoomba	\$ 3,415,136.07
Townsville	\$ 6,392,785.10
Woodridge	\$ 5,668,191.55
Total	\$ 75,218,934.22

- (2) – (3) The number of applications considered for Brisbane and each regional office and the number of applications approved are continued in the following tables. Private solicitors and in-house legal practice are included.

2002/2003

Region	Approved	Total
Brisbane	11,337	14,149
Bundaberg	1,611	2,377
Caboolture	1,321	1,933
Cairns	1,727	2,331
Inala	79	79
Ipswich	2,059	2,698
Mackay	330	347
Maroochydore	1,735	2,458
Mt Isa	84	98

Region	Approved	Total
Rockhampton	1,434	1,931
Southport	1,899	2,627
Toowoomba	1,483	2,304
Townsville	2,640	3,504
Woodridge	2,089	2,746
Total	29,828	39,582

2003/2004

Region	Approved	Total
Brisbane	10,194	12,861
Bundaberg	1,715	2,621
Caboolture	1,391	1,919
Cairns	1,605	2,224
Inala	83	83
Ipswich	2,000	2,548
Mackay	339	348
Maroochydore	1,511	2,026
Mt Isa	73	74
Rockhampton	1,359	1,845
Southport	1,861	2,620
Toowoomba	1,400	2,146
Townsville	2,639	3,469
Woodridge	2,255	2,809
Total	28,425	37,593

2004/2005

Region	Approved	Total
Brisbane	11,193	13,304
Bundaberg	2,469	3,061
Caboolture	1,745	2,119
Cairns	1,904	2,331
Inala	72	73
Ipswich	2,355	2,800
Mackay	311	324
Maroochydore	1,805	2,284
Mt Isa	64	64
Rockhampton	1,892	2,263
Southport	2,380	2,832
Toowoomba	1,587	2,082
Townsville	2,647	3,294
Woodridge	2,617	3,092
Total	33,041	39,923