

COURTS — JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

841. Hon Nick Goiran to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the *Justice of the Peace Act 2004* and the *Courts Legislation Amendment and Repeal Act 2004*, and I ask, how many times in each of the last 5 calendar years has a Justice of the Peace (JP), who is not a JP by virtue of an office, been directed to sit in:

- (a) the Children's Court;
- (b) the Magistrates Court; and
- (c) any other Court?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

Justice of the Peace sitting days 2017 to 2021:

- (a) Children's Court

2017: 3

2018: 2

2019: 4

2020: 0

2021: 0

The low number of Children's Court sittings relate to instances where a Justice of the Peace has presided over a Children's Court matter only.

- (b) Magistrates Court (inclusive of Children's Court)

2017: 2564

2018: 2391

2019: 2281

2020: 895

2021: 0

Magistrates Court and Children's Court sittings where Justices of the Peace have presided are combined court sittings, and have been recorded as a combined figure in Answer B.

- (c) Any Other Court

2017: 0

2018: 0

2019: 0

2020: 0

2021: 0