

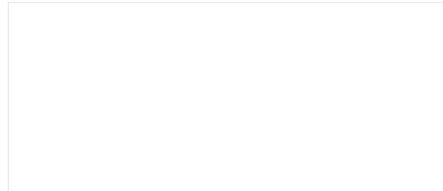
**Question No :** 237

**Question :** Conveyancing Agents' Qualifications

**Question Date :** 17/11/92

**Member :** Mr COLLINS

**To :** ATTORNEY-GENERAL



1. How many hours of lectures must a student who is seeking a Conveyancing Agents' Licence undertake to obtain the necessary certificate assuming no previous experience or qualifications.
2. How many years will it take normally to obtain such a certificate.
3. How many hours of lectures does a law student spend on the topic of conveyancing.
4. Is the time spent on conveyancing lectures in the law course at Adelaide University considerably less than the lecture time required for obtaining a 'conveyancing agents' certificate'; if so, how is this justified.

**ANSWER**

1. The nominal number of hours is 720.
2. The Certificate in Conveyancing is modular in design to allow for maximum flexibility of delivery. It is anticipated that the course would be completed by 2 years of full-time study.
3. The exact number of hours spent by a law student on the topic of conveyancing would depend on chosen electives. For the Bachelor of Laws offered at the Northern Territory University relevant compulsory subjects would total approximately 420 hours. This includes the subjects of Legal Process, Land Law, Torts, Contracts and Associations. Specific electives may amount to an additional 126 hours. Relevant skills electives could account for an additional 24 hours. The total contact hours for the Bachelor of Laws is in the order of 1400 hours. In addition, law graduates have to complete 12 months of articles or attend a 6 month practical training course. This training covers the same

ground as covered in 310 hours of the Conveyancing Agents course.

4. The Bachelor of Laws offered at Adelaide University involves a total of approximately 420 hours on subjects relating to conveyancing. Depending on the electives chosen, an additional 140 hours could be included on subjects relating to conveyancing. The total contact hours for the full Bachelor of Laws course is around 1100 hours.

The time spent on subjects relating to conveyancing as part of a Bachelor of Laws at Adelaide University is less than the total number of hours required for a Certificate in Conveyancing in the Northern Territory. As with the law course at the Northern Territory University, any comparison of hours should include the practical legal training required of law graduates following graduation.