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PROVISION OF LISTS OF JURORS TO PROSECUTION AND DEFENCE COUNSEL

The current practice in criminal matters is for the prosecution and defence counsel to be provided with a list of jurors who have been summoned for those sittings in which they are appearing.

The list that has historically been provided to counsel includes the juror's number, surname, given names, residential address (including street and street number), date of birth, and sex.

Section 27(6) *Juries Act* 2003 requires only the name of the juror to be provided to the Director of Public Prosecutions, the police, the person arraigned or his representative.

In order to bring current practice more into line with the requirements of the Act, the jury list provided to counsel will now contain a juror's suburb or town, not their full street address. The full date of birth will also be excluded, but the year of birth will be provided.

The change will better protect jurors' privacy and guard against the possibility of identity theft, while still providing counsel or the accused with sufficient information to assess whether a potential juror should be challenged.

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