

Question on Notice
No. 148
Asked on Tuesday, 20 February 2007

**MISS SIMPSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT,
EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL)—**

QUESTION:

With reference to the recommendations of the Final Report of the Inquiry into the impact of WorkChoices on Queensland workplaces, employees, and employers, and noting the proposed establishment of a separate statutory body to monitor the impact of WorkChoices and in establishing an independent body to help workers—

Will he consider extending the body's charter to also include the Queensland public sector employees who are seriously affected by the culture of bullying so evident in Queensland Government workplaces; if not, why not?

ANSWER:

The Member has displayed a fundamental misunderstanding of the industrial relations landscape. WorkChoices does not cover Queensland Public Sector employees. The "Queensland Workplace Rights Office" will be established to provide assistance to workers penalised by the Federal Government's unfair WorkChoices legislation and to monitor the impact of that legislation on Queensland's workers.