

Question on Notice

No. 562

Asked on Tuesday, 17 April 2007

Mr MCARDLE asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland (Mr Shine) –

QUESTION:

With regard to the reference made by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice to the Queensland Law Reform Commission (QLRC) in 2004 to review the *Peace and Good Behaviour Act 1982 (Qld)*, which required the QLRC 'to report to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice by 31 July 2005' and given that it is now mid-April 2007 and the report has still not been presented—

- (1) When will the final report be released to the public?
- (2) How does the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice explain this near two year delay?
- (3) Will this delay set a precedent for the QLRCs (sic) future reporting?

ANSWER:

- (1) I am advised the QLRC expects to complete the final report on *A Review of the Peace and Good Behaviour Act 1982 (Qld)* (the current Act) in October 2007. The report will be released to the public after it has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the requirements of section 16 of the *Law Reform Commission Act 1968 (Qld)*.
- (2) The QLRC released a discussion paper in April 2005 and, over the following months, consulted, formally and informally, with a wide range of individuals and organisations. The QLRC commenced work on the final report in August 2005, and has made substantial progress towards its completion.
- (3) The length of time taken to complete this review is directly related to matters specific to this review. Reporting time frames for QLRC references are negotiated between the QLRC and the Attorney-General.