

## Question on Notice

No. 443

Asked on Thursday, 15 April 2008

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

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Local Government Elections—

- (1) What number of postal ballots were returned to the Queensland Electoral Commission by Australia Post or by other means (reported separately) for each Local Government which had a full postal ballot or where residents applied for a postal ballot (reported separately by each individual Local government)?
- (2) Has the Queensland Electoral Commission checked on a regular basis with the dead letter office of Australia Post for any undeliverable ballot papers?

### ANSWER:

The information requested by the Member in respect to the number of postal ballots returned during the last local government elections is available for public inspection at the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ).

I am pleased to advise, however, the turnout of voters across Queensland was 85%, which compares favourably with the turnout of 80% for the previous local government elections in 2004.

All postal voting material which was posted to electors was sent in envelopes clearly marked with the name and logo of Electoral Commission Queensland. These envelopes included a return address on the front of the envelope. Accordingly, any postal voting material which could not be delivered to the address specified by an elector was returned by Australia Post to ECQ.