

## Question on Notice

No. 157

Asked on 18 March 2014

**MR WELLINGTON** asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr JARROD BLEIJIE) –

### QUESTION:

With reference to closed circuit television (CCTV) in court houses throughout Queensland—

- (1) Where is the monitoring of this CCTV done?
- (2) Is the Toowoomba Court House monitored and, if so, is a record of the CCTV coverage kept?
- (3) What is the policy, if any, for releasing the record of the CCTV coverage?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Nicklin for his question.

- (1) The State Government Security (SGS) agency manages and monitors closed circuit television (CCTV) in Queensland courthouses. As the SGS falls under the responsibility of the Honourable Tim Mander MP, Minister for Housing and Public Works, I am unable to answer the question and would recommend that the Member for Nicklin consult with Minister Mander regarding this matter.
- (2) Yes. The Toowoomba Courthouse has CCTV facilities to improve the safety of the judiciary, staff and court clients. The footage is retained for one month.
- (3) Management of Queensland courthouse CCTV footage is subject to the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (the IP Act). The IP Act generally prohibits a Government department or agency from disclosing an individual's personal information other than to the individual who is the subject of that information. The IP Act, however, does allow a department to disclose personal information to a law enforcement agency, if it is required for a number of prescribed circumstances in relation to the law enforcement agency's functions.

Requests to access CCTV footage can be made directly to the Registrar or the Executive Director of the court.