

Question on Notice

No. 265

Asked on 3 April 2014

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Youth Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 –
Will the Attorney-General confirm whether all submissions made in relation to the bill including via his Ministerial office were released to the public prior to the official debate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Yeerongpilly for his question.

As the Member is aware, the Queensland Parliament requested that the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee (the Committee) hold a public inquiry (the Inquiry) into the Youth Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014 (the Bill).

As part of the Inquiry, the Committee received 25 submissions and eight supplementary submissions from a range of individuals and organisations. All submissions received by the Committee, as well as the Queensland Government's detailed responses to the issues raised in the submissions, were published on the Parliament website prior to the Bill's debate.

The Committee also held a public hearing on 3 March 2014 as part of the Inquiry. At the hearing, nine organisations and individuals were invited to discuss their submissions at greater length. The transcript of that hearing was made freely available on the Queensland Parliament website ahead of the Bill's debate.

I am satisfied that this open and transparent inquiry process afforded an appropriate opportunity for all interested parties to make their views on the Bill publicly known and for Members of the Queensland Parliament to consider these views ahead of their participation in the debate.