

## Question on Notice

No. 1264

Asked on 16 August 2016

**MR SORENSEN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, MINISTER FOR RACING AND MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (HON G GRACE)—

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many ministerial requests the government has issued to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission since January 2015 and what were the reasons for those requests, broken down by request?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Hervey Bay for his question.

Since January 2015 the Government has issued four ministerial requests to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (the Commission).

The first request on 17 March 2015 requested that the Commission suspend the award modernisation process initiated by the former LNP Government. The suspension was to allow the government to consult with key stakeholders as well as to consider amendments to the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*.

The second request on 17 July 2015 recommenced the award modernisation process under revised terms. The request rescinded sections of the consolidated request dated 15 October 2014 by the former LNP Government and asked the Commission to ensure that the award modernisation process provides fair and just employment conditions.

The third request on 14 October 2015 amended the award modernisation request as a result of amendments made by the *Industrial Relations (Restoring Fairness) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2015*. The request made minor technical amendments to ensure that administrative responsibility of the award modernisation process passed from the Vice President of the Commission to the President of the Commission.

The final variation issued on 6 June 2016 amended the award modernisation request by extending the timeframe for the Commission to complete award modernisation from 30 June 2016 to 30 September 2016. The variation notice also requested that the Queensland Local Government Industry Award be reviewed and varied by 31 August 2016.