

Question on Notice

No. 75

Asked on 13 February 2019

MR J BLEIJIE ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise in what circumstances the Office of Industrial Relations requires the names, phone numbers and addresses of employees in a Queensland workplace?

ANSWER:

The Office of Industrial Relations (OIR) has responsibility for the administration of Queensland's workplace health and safety, electrical safety, workers' compensation, industrial relations and labour hire licensing legislation.

Inspectors appointed under legislation relevant to those areas exercise statutory powers that are reasonably necessary for the purposes of monitoring, investigating, enforcing and ensuring compliance with the relevant Act.

Information provided to an inspector exercising their compliance powers under statutes administered by OIR is confidential and is protected under sanction of a penalty for an offence for unlawful disclosure unless disclosure is provided for under the relevant Act.

A worker will also provide their name, address and telephone number when applying for, renewing or amending a licence and authorisation issued through OIR.