

Question on Notice

No. 123

Asked on 25 February 2021

MS S BOLTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister confirm that the State Government will not direct businesses or state agencies to deny entry or service to those who are not able to, or choose not to, be vaccinated against COVID19?

ANSWER

The COVID-19 vaccine is not mandatory, and individuals have the option to choose not to vaccinate.

The current view of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee is that more work is needed before a recommendation can be made whether COVID-19 vaccination should be required for entry to higher-risk environments, such as aged care facilities.

Policies around staff vaccination are the responsibility of individual employers.

We know that there is a high proportion of Queenslanders who receive other vaccinations, including the flu vaccination each year, and I encourage all eligible Queenslanders, when the times comes, to roll up their sleeve and get vaccinated against COVID-19. I know I will.