

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 828

asked on Wednesday, 16 June 2021

MR R KATTER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES (HON S STEWART)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the retirement of Steve Carson, District Workers' Representative for the North West with the Queensland Resources Safety and Health office, a person with 50 years of experience in mining and with excellent performance acknowledged by both mining industry leaders and local mine workers—

Will the Minister advise how the department will proceed to ensure the person who replaces Steve Carson in this role is the best possible candidate with the requisite skills and experience?

ANSWER:

As Minister for Resources, I may appoint district workers' representatives under section 108 of the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*.

To be eligible for appointment as a district workers' representative, a person must meet strict criteria under section 108 of the Act, namely:

- they must have been nominated for appointment as a district workers' representative by an industrial organisation with members in the mining industry
- they must have appropriate competencies and adequate experience to perform the functions of a district workers' representative
- they must be in a position to adequately represent the safety and health interests of a majority of workers.

The nominations of individuals for appointment as district workers' representatives are accompanied by information including nominees' work history, qualifications and other supporting information to assist me in determining whether nominees meet the requirements under the Act.

The above procedures will ensure that the best possible candidate with the requisite skills and experience is appointed to this vacant position.