

Question on Notice

No. 1263

Asked on 8 November 2022

MS S BOLTON ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND MINISTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON S FENTIMAN) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice No. 776 asked on 16 August 2022—
Will the Attorney-General report on any advice provided by the Electoral Commissioner relating to the use of reply-paid envelopes for postal voting applications?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Noosa for her question.

I have received advice from the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) about actions being considered to improve postal voting services, including the application process, prior to the state and local government elections in 2024. At this stage no legislative changes have been recommended by the ECQ.

In preparation for the 2024 elections, the ECQ is:

- Considering a redesign of the approved postal vote application form to more prominently display application options for voters;
- Preparing for additional communications to voters to increase awareness of application methods; and
- Planning to engage with and closely monitor registered political party activities to ensure they are meeting their legislative requirements with regard to postal vote applications.

Finally, the ECQ is monitoring postal voting processes and trends across Australia, including in other jurisdictions like Victoria in 2022 and New South Wales in 2023, and will evaluate any issues in the lead up to local and state government elections in 2024.