

Question on Notice

No. 1300

Asked on 9 November 2022

MS AMANDA CAMM asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide (a) an update on the Adoption Act review, including whether particular sections are under review and (b) if there is a timeline on when it is expected to come before the House?

ANSWER

The introduction of the *Adoption Act 2009* (the Act) represented major reform to adoption legislation in Queensland. As per Section 327 the Act was reviewed in 2015 and amendments to the Act were made by the *Adoption and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2016*.

Under section 327 of the Act a further review of the operation of the Act is to commence as soon as practicable five years after commencement, noting there is no timeframe for the completion of the review as prescribed by the Act.

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (DCYJMA) is currently planning and scoping the next review, which will centre on the effect of the operation of the Act on parties to adoptions and their families. Once the review is completed a report on the outcomes will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable as per Section 327 of the Act.

The Queensland Government is acutely aware of the history of adoptions and the different experiences of people who were adopted and their families. The DCYJMA continues to provide funding for post-adoption support services.