

## Question on Notice

No. 776

Asked on 16 August 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 response by the Electoral Commissioner during the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee Estimate hearings regarding the reply paid envelopes for returning postal voting application forms to political parties as being currently lawful, given this type of practice is banned for Queensland businesses as 'misleading and deceptive conduct'—

Will the Attorney-General undertake to review the electoral laws around this, and other practices that potentially use Queenslanders personal information for election campaigning without their knowledge?

### ANSWER:

In accordance with the provisions of the *Electoral Act 1992*, political parties can request access to electoral roll information and may use this information to engage with electors, including sending applications for postal votes.

For further information relating to the use of reply-paid envelopes for postal vote applications during elections, I refer the Member to my response to Question 20 in the Pre hearing Questions on Notice during the recent Estimates process.

I also advise that I have recently requested that the Electoral Commissioner give consideration to any issues relating to the use of reply paid envelopes for postal voting applications and will further discuss this issue with him at our next meeting.