

Question on Notice

No. 840

Asked on 18 August 2022

MR T NICHOLLS 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:

Will the Attorney-General advise (a) if the review into Workplace Surveillance has been completed and (b) if not, when does the Attorney-General expect it to be completed?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Clayfield for his question.

The Queensland Law Reform Commission (QLRC) is currently prioritising its review into the sex work industry.

The expected completion date for the workplace surveillance review will be determined once timeframes are known for the mining objections referral under the Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan.

It is, however, important to acknowledge that information privacy legislation provides some existing privacy protections for workers in entities subject to the legislation.

For example, in Queensland, the *Information Privacy Act 2009* contains privacy principles governing the collection, storage, transfer, use and disclosure of personal information in the public sector. Many legislative provisions across the Queensland statute book also regulate how information is collected, stored, used and disclosed.

The *Privacy Act 1988* (Cwlth) also contains Australian Privacy Principles (APP) which protect personal information where it is collected and handled by 'APP entities', including Commonwealth agencies and organisations, businesses with an annual turnover of more than \$3 million, private sector health service providers, credit reporting bodies and businesses that sell or purchase personal information.