

Question on Notice

No. 880

Asked on 30 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) when the Criminal Justice Innovation Office will be established, (b) how many staff it will have, (c) what will its objectives be and (d) when will it produce its first report?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Clayfield for his question.

As part of the 2022-23 state budget the Department of Justice and Attorney-General received approval for \$6 million over two years to establish the Criminal Justice Innovation Office (CJIO) as a multi-disciplinary criminal justice policy team. The Government is working to establish this office which will be comprised of 12 FTEs.

The Queensland Productivity Commission in its 2019 report into its *Inquiry into Imprisonment and Recidivism* recommended establishing a 'justice reform office' to provide independent expert advice on systemic issues, lead evidence-based policy making and advise Government on system priorities. The CJIO will provide expert advice on systemic issues and lead evidence-based policy making.

The CJIO will work alongside the First Nations Justice Office and will prioritise initiatives addressing overrepresentation of First Nations peoples in custody improving justice responses to women and girls as well as improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice system.