

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 705**  
**Asked on 23 May 2024**

**MR N DAMETTO** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to gel blasters and weapons used for paint-pellet sports—

Will the Minister consider removing these weapons from the Queensland Weapons Act and regulating them under separate legislation specific to gel blaster and paintball sports?

ANSWER:

The Government is committed to community safety and the safe regulation of weapons and firearms. In 2021, the Government took proactive measures to implement a safety framework in the Act for the use of gel blasters.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that it worked closely with the gel blaster industry and public to deliver a public education campaign called “Stop and Think” that improved community safety in relation to these items.

I am further advised by the QPS that the *Weapons Act 1990* remains the preferred legislation to regulate these items.