

Question on Notice

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Asked on 30 April 2025

DR B O'SHEA asked the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention Of Domestic and Family Violence (HON A CAMM)—

QUESTION

With reference to Child Safety and Personal History Screening (LCS2) clearance applications—

Will the Minister advise the target timeframe for processing new and renewal clearance applications?

ANSWER

The licensee of a licensed care service is responsible for ensuring each person engaged under the license are suitable persons to work with vulnerable children and young people. To assist this process, the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety (DFSDSCS) undertakes background history checks with partner agencies including the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Transport and Main Roads. These include domestic and family violence and traffic infringements as well as undertaking child protection history checks for all persons seeking employment within a licensed care service. Where checks indicate an applicant may pose a risk to the safety of a child, the applicant is offered the opportunity to submit a response with respect to their history.

The target timeframe for processing new and renewal clearance applications is two to four weeks, where an application is received properly made and the applicant either has no history or there has been no change in circumstances at the time the renewal clearance is received.

Where delays have occurred or applications are required to be processed urgently, the licensed care service is encouraged to nominate these applications through a shared mailbox and DFSDSCS will give these applications priority.