

Question on Notice
No. 500
Asked on Tuesday, 12 May 2026

MR S KNUTH ASKED MINISTER FOR CUSTOMER SERVICES AND OPEN DATA AND MINISTER FOR SMALL AND FAMILY BUSINESS (HON S MINNIKIN)—

With reference to South Australia being the only state with an ‘opt in’ checkbox on driver’s licences for organ donations and having a 74 percent organ donation registration rate compared with Queensland’s 30 percent registration rate, which is below the national average—

Will the Minister immediately move to reintroduce the ‘opt in’ checkbox on driver’s licences?

ANSWER

The reduction in organ and tissue donation is a national challenge that has seen a decline in organ donor registration numbers over the past two decades.

Despite this being an Australian Government issue, my department has already taken steps to raise awareness and make it easier to register to be an organ donor by:

- providing a direct link to register as an organ donor through promotions on the Queensland Digital Licence App;
- promoting DonateLife campaign materials in Customer Service Centres across Queensland;
- providing weblinks to DonateLife on the qld.gov.au website.

I can also confirm my department is examining opportunities to make it easier for customers to register as an organ donor via the Australian Organ Donor Register (AODR), as part of the process of applying for, or renewing, a drivers’ licence.

In a matter this important, it is vital that there is one source of truth, and that is the AODR. Any solution we implement will ensure that the national register remains the single source of truth for organ-donor information.