

**QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO LEGAL AFFAIRS AND SAFETY  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 41  
Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022**

**INTRODUCTION**

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On 2 December 2022, the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill 2022 (the Bill) was introduced into the Queensland Parliament.

The Bill was referred to the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee (the Committee) for consideration. On 24 February 2023, the Committee tabled its report, Report No. 41, in relation to its inquiry into the Bill.

The Queensland Government response to the recommendations is set out below.

**RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Recommendation 1**

The Committee recommends the Bill be passed.

***Queensland Government response:***

**Noted**

The Queensland Government notes this recommendation and thanks the Committee for its consideration of the Bill.

**Recommendation 2**

The Committee recommends that the Queensland Government reports to the Legislative Assembly on its progress regarding the *Closing the Registration Gap Strategy Plan 2021 – 24* within 12 months of the tabling of this report.

***Queensland Government response:***

**Supported**

The Queensland Government supports the recommendation and will report back on its progress.

**Recommendation 3**

The Committee recommends that Queensland Government agencies undertake an audit of the Queensland legislation within their remit to identify amendments required as a result of the introduction of the Bill.

***Queensland Government response:***

**Supported**

The Queensland Government supports this recommendation and each agency will undertake an audit of its portfolio legislation to identify and assess the use of gendered language and determine whether any amendments are needed, in light of the Bill.