

## Question on Notice

No. 409

Asked on 21 May 2014

**MR MULHERIN** asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr JARROD BLEIJIE) –

### QUESTION:

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice No.138 of 2014 and section 140CB(2) of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*—

- (1) Will the Attorney-General advise the House why the QIRC (Queensland Industrial Relations Commission) did not comply with the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*, section 140CB(2) and publish the Attorney-General's request of 19 December 2013 on the website?
- (2) What steps will the Attorney-General take to ensure that the QIRC complies with the legislation in future?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mackay for his question.

We are delivering on our commitment to deliver better infrastructure and better planning and revitalise frontline services as part of our strong plan for a brighter future.

Labor's health payroll debacle highlighted the unsustainable complexity of the current arrangements and the urgent need to simplify the system.

Award modernisation was undertaken by the former Federal Labor Government and Queensland will follow a similar process to that used by the Fair Work Commission.

These reforms will deliver a modern, flexible industrial relations framework that protects employees, reduces duplication, simplifies administration and better serves the people of Queensland.

- (1) I am unable to speak for the QIRC regarding this matter. The Member for Mackay should contact the QIRC directly for this information.
- (2) I have contacted Ms Dianne Linnane, Vice President of the QIRC, and drawn her attention to section 140CB 'Publication of an award modernisation request or variation notice' of the *Industrial Relations Act 1999*.