

Question on Notice

No. 2252

Asked on 30 November 2016

MS SIMPSON ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General advise how many people with criminal convictions or on criminal charges are allowed to change their names each year and how many of those are convicted of, or charged with, child sex offences?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydhore for her question.

I am advised that this issue is managed through regimes within the *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003* and *Corrective Services Act 2006*.

Under the *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003* released prisoners are required to obtain approval from the Chief Executive, Corrective Services prior to changing their name under the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003*.

Under the *Corrective Services Act 2006* a person in the Chief Executive's custody, including a prisoner who is released to parole, who intends to change his/her name, must apply and obtain the Chief Executive's written permission before applying to change his or her name under the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2003*. Failure to do so is a criminal offence.

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages continues to work with other agencies including the Queensland Police Service, to ensure the integrity of criminal justice data including information in relation to changes of name.