

Question on Notice

No. 1432

Asked on 1 December 2015

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

QUESTION:

For each portfolio area administered by the Minister will the Minister provide the following details under the union encouragement policy, (a) the number of union requests for access to departmental workplaces to undertake desk visits to date, and (b) the number of departmental employees who have received desk visits to date?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Callide for his question.

I am advised that the Department of Justice and Attorney-General and Department of Education and Training do not record the information sought in this question. To collate the information sought would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Visits by union representatives to departmental workplaces would only take place in accordance with legislation and departmental guidelines.

The Palaszczuk Government made a commitment to restore fairness for Government workers, and through the *Industrial Relations (Restoring Fairness) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2015* we have delivered on this commitment.

The Palaszczuk Government recognises the right of individuals to join a union while also recognising that union membership remains at the discretion of each individual.