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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 22 August 2019, concerning petition No. 3072-19 received by the House on 20 August 2019, regarding the Valuers Registration Board of Queensland (the Board).

In response to the petition I advise that the Board was established under the *Valuers Registration Act 1965* and continues under section 5 of the *Valuers Registration Act 1992* (VR Act). The Board's main functions are to:

- o protect the public through the registration of valuers;
- o authorise the investigation of complaints about the conduct of registered valuers;
- o take disciplinary action and commence proceedings in a court;
- o refer matters to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal; and
- o maintain a register of valuers and a register of specialist retail valuers.

The independent, statutory position of Valuer-General was reinstated in Queensland by the *Land Valuation Act 2010* (LV Act). The functions of the Valuer-General under the LV Act and the role of the Board, including the chairperson, under the VR Act are distinct and do not conflict.

The Valuer-General was appointed as a member of the Valuer's Registration Board (the Board) under section 6(1)(a) of the VR Act and was appointed as chairperson by the Governor in Council under section 16(1) of the VR Act.

There is a formal process for Board members to declare any potential conflicts of interest - members are provided with a draft agenda in the week before a meeting which enables the declaration of conflicts. The Valuer-General, excuses himself from any proceedings that involve valuers employed by the State Valuation Service and has no influence on Board deliberations associated with those matters. This applies equally to other Board members who may have an association with a valuer subject to a complaint and would continue to apply if another Board member was chairperson. Conflicts of interest could occur, whether the Valuer-General or another member of the Board is chairperson and the conflicted member would excuse themselves from the proceeding.

I provide you with this response for tabling pursuant to Standing Order 125(3). Any enquiries regarding this response can be referred to Mr Simon Zanatta, Chief of Staff, on telephone 3719 7360.

Yours sincerely



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