

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of Parliament
Parliament House
Corner George and Alice Streets
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to the petition lodged with the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 14 August 2003 by Ms Marion Kelson concerning "Workplace Rehabilitation at Education Queensland, Nambour".

I understand that the subject matter of this E-Petition, Ms Kelson's rehabilitation program provided through the Department's Nambour District Office between October 2002 and March 2003, is the subject of two legal proceedings in the Anti-Discrimination Tribunal, Queensland. I understand that these proceedings have named both the Department of Education and the Arts and individual Departmental staff members as Respondents. I am advised that the substantive hearing of these proceedings has yet to commence.

In light of these pending legal proceedings it is not appropriate that I respond to this E-Petition.

Yours sincerely

Anna Bligh MP
Minister for Education and
Minister for the Arts

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