Answers to Questions on Notice – Mr Stephen Blanks – NSW Council for Civil Liberties – Received 21 June 2020

In any comparison of the position in NSW with Queensland, it should be noted that Queensland has adopted a comprehensive Human Rights Act, which provides avenues for Queensland residents to pursue complaints about their human rights in all areas, not just in relation to discrimination.

The fact that the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Commission receives about 50% more complaints (per capita) than Anti-Discrimination NSW receives does not support an argument that that NSW is required to spend a disproportionate amount on administering its anti-discrimination system compared to Queensland.

As far as we can tell, there are no publicly available statistics concerning satisfaction with Anti-Discrimination NSW, so no comparison can be made to Queensland on this basis. However, even if such a comparison could be made, it would only be one of many relevant factors to take into account in comparing the 2 systems. In particular, detailed specific investigations would be required to attribute any difference in satisfaction levels to the different arrangements in relation to vexatious complaints.