

TOM GEOFFREY LEWANDOWSKI — TINDER STALKER — CHANGE OF NAME

**1334. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to news reports regarding the convicted Tinder stalker Tom Geoffrey Lewandowski, formerly Adam Geoffrey Rybicki.

- (1) When did Mr Rybicki apply to change his name?
- (2) How many restraining orders were active on Mr Rybicki when he made the application to change his name?
- (3) Was Mr Rybicki a “required declarant”?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General, I provide the following answer.

- (1) A change of name was registered on 8 January 2021.
- (2) The Attorney General is not privy to this information, which is held by the courts. Restraining orders fall under civil legislation. I am advised that, other than a party to a case, information can only be released upon lodgement to the court of a form 3 application, together with an affidavit for consideration by a magistrate. This is in accordance with section 33A of the Magistrates Court Act 2004 and rule 39 of the Magistrates Court General Rules 2005.
- (3) Not applicable. Part 5, division 3 of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1998, which deals with “restricted persons”, did not come into operation until 1 October 2022.