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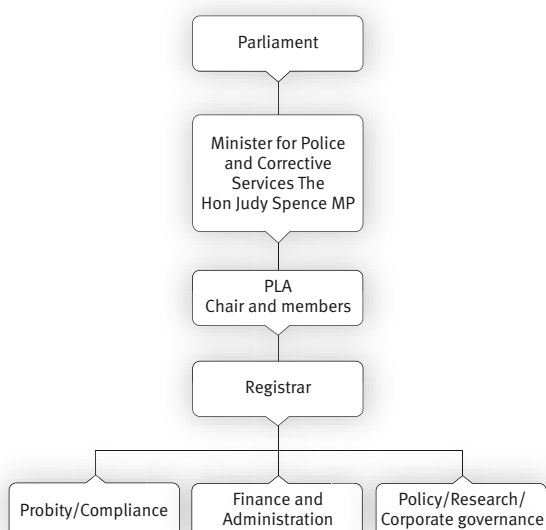
Our Purpose

To regulate prostitution in Queensland by implementing the Act.

Reporting Structure and Organisation

The PLA employs eight full-time officers under the *Public Service Act 1996* to support the work of the PLA. Staff of the PLA are managed by the Registrar, who in turn reports to the PLA. The PLA reports to the Minister for Police and the Parliament.

■ Figure 1: PLA organisational structure



We administer one non-departmental output:

1. Brothel licensing and monitoring prostitution through licensed brothels.

The PLA

The Act establishes the PLA and prescribes its membership, which must include:

- the Chair – an independent, respected member of the community nominated by the Premier
- the Commissioner of Police, or a police officer of at least the rank of superintendent nominated by the commissioner
- the Chairperson, or the Assistant Commissioner, Crime, of the CMC
- a doctor who has at least five years' experience in community health
- a lawyer who has been admitted for at least five years and has knowledge of or experience in administrative law, company law or criminal law
- a senior representative of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ)
- two persons who, in the Minister's opinion, are qualified to represent community interests.

Role of the PLA

The PLA decides applications for brothel licences and managers' certificates. In addition, the PLA is responsible for:

- monitoring the provision of prostitution through licensed brothels
 - conducting probity investigations into licence and certificate applicants
 - conducting disciplinary inquiries in relation to licensees and approved managers
 - disciplining licensees and managers
 - receiving complaints about prostitution
 - liaising with and assisting the police service
 - liaising with local authorities
 - collecting fees under the Act
 - informing relevant government departments and agencies about possible offences that are detected while carrying out its functions
- advising the Minister about ways of promoting and coordinating programs that –
 - (i) promote sexual health care; or
 - (ii) help prostitutes to leave prostitution; or
 - (iii) divert minors and other vulnerable persons from prostitution; or
 - (iv) raise awareness in prostitutes, judicial officers, police, community workers and the community about issues relating to prostitution;
 - advising the Minister about the development of codes of practice for licensed brothels
 - approving advertising for prostitution
 - maintaining a licence and certificate register
 - providing support to the independent assessor.



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Current Membership

The current members of the PLA have been appointed by Governor-in-Council until May 2008.

01 Mr Manus Boyce QC, Chair

Mr Boyce graduated from the University of Queensland with Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts degrees. Then followed seven years as a solicitor and 20 years at the Bar, including four years as Queen's Counsel. He served on the Committee of the Bar Association and the Barristers' Board for five years, and was the Bar Association representative on the Legal Aid Commission for a period of two years. From 1982 to 1988 he also lectured part-time in Professional Conduct at the Queensland Institute of Technology Law Faculty. In 1988 he was appointed a District Court Judge. He was a member of the Standing Committee of Convocation at the University of Queensland for 36 years and was Warden of Convocation from 1995 to 1998. In 1999 he was awarded a Medal for Distinguished Service to the University of Queensland. Mr Boyce was appointed for three years until May 2008.

02 Dr Diane Rowling

Dr Rowling is a Public Health Physician with a special interest in sexual and reproductive health. She is currently the Senior Medical Officer with the Brisbane Sexual Health and AIDS Service and is a former Medical Director of Family Planning Queensland. She has held community health positions in the Northern Territory and regional Queensland with a focus on indigenous health issues. Dr Rowling is appointed as a medical practitioner who has at least five years'

experience in community health as per legislation. Dr Rowling was appointed for three years until May 2008.

03 Assistant Commissioner John McDonnell

Mr McDonnell is an Assistant Commissioner attached to the Deputy Commissioner's Office, QPS. Mr McDonnell was the former inaugural head of the Ethical Standards Command, QPS and former Assistant Commissioner of the Northern Region, QPS. Among his many appointments within the QPS, Mr McDonnell has served with the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, the Fitzgerald Implementation Unit and was the Director of Operations, Criminal Justice Commission. He was awarded the Australian Police Medal in January 1994. Mr McDonnell is an officer of at least the rank of superintendent, and has been nominated by the Police Commissioner as his representative. Mr McDonnell was reappointed for three years until May 2008.

04 Cr Ann Bennison

Cr Bennison has a Bachelor of Arts degree and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Cr Bennison is the Brisbane City Council member for Enoggera Ward, a position she has held since 1994. Cr Bennison is the Deputy Chair of Council and serves on the Urban Planning and Economic Development, Environment and Sustainability, and Public Transport Committees. Cr Bennison is the Senior Vice President of the LGAQ and a Director of the Australian Local Government Association. Cr Bennison has previously worked in finance and industrial relations. As per legislation, Cr Bennison was appointed to the PLA as a senior representative of the LGAQ. Cr Bennison was reappointed for three years until May 2008.

¹ Four members of the PLA are women, representing 50% of the membership.



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05 Mr John Callanan

Mr Callanan is the Assistant Commissioner, Crime, of the CMC. He is involved in a wide range of responsibilities and functions at the senior executive level of the CMC and the management and coordination of investigations into criminal paedophilia, major crime and organised crime. Prior to his appointment as Assistant Crime Commissioner of the Queensland Crime Commission, and later Assistant Commissioner, Mr Callanan had over 20 years' experience in the criminal justice system as a Crown prosecutor, as a barrister in private practice on the Prosecutions Task Force and for the Office of Special Prosecutor. He was also counsel for the Fitzgerald Inquiry. Mr Callanan was reappointed for three years until May 2008.

06 Ms Annette Murphy

Ms Murphy is a past recipient of the Queensland Child Protection Award – Professional Category – in recognition of her contribution to child protection in Queensland – 1998. Ms Murphy was also awarded a Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowship in 2002 to examine the role of registered nurses in child protection in the USA, UK, Sweden and Denmark. She is the former coordinator of the Child Protection Unit at the Mater Children's Hospital and is currently the Acting Manager, SCAN Team Support and Development Unit, Department of Child Safety. Ms Murphy was reappointed for three years until May 2008.

07 Mr Lance Pollard

Mr Pollard is a solicitor in private practice and is currently a partner with Bennett & Philp. He has had extensive experience in the areas of commercial litigation, corporate and personal insolvency, debt recovery, administrative law, trade practices law and company law. Mr Pollard is appointed to the PLA as a lawyer who has been admitted for at least five years, and who has knowledge and experience in administrative law, company law or criminal law as per legislation. Mr Pollard was reappointed for three years until May 2008.

08 Ms Wendy Edmond

Ms Edmond is a former Minister for Health and Minister for Employment and Training with the Queensland Government. As a backbencher, Ms Edmond served on the inaugural Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee and as Chairperson for the budget estimates committee examining the Departments of Health, Education and Employment, Training and Industrial Relations. Prior to her election to the Queensland Parliament in December 1989 Ms Edmond worked as a health professional in nuclear medicine and radiation therapy in New York, Montreal, Edinburgh, Copenhagen, Adelaide, Melbourne and Brisbane. Ms Edmond was appointed until May 2008.



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09 Ms Lynette Palmen AM

Ms Palmen AM is the founder and Managing Director of Women’s Network Australia. The organisation has a membership in excess of 1200 with over 35,000 women benefiting from its existence annually. Ms Palmen AM is a board member of the Ministerial Taskforce on Work and Family, the Deputy Chair of the Premier’s Council for Women, Chair of The Lord Mayor’s Business and Domestic Violence “Crossing the Boundaries” Strategy and board member on the Advisory Committee for the Centre for Movement Education and Research, Griffith University. Ms Palmen AM was recognised by the appointment of Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List for her service to the community, particularly through promoting public awareness of the existing and emerging issues affecting women and in providing expertise to a range of charitable and not-for-profit organisations. Ms Palmen resigned in August 2006 due to the pressing work commitments of Women’s Network Australia.

Meetings and Special Meetings

The PLA held eleven ordinary meetings over the financial year 2006-07.

■ Table 1: Attendance at meetings of the PLA

Name	Number attended (n = 11)
M. Boyce (Chair)	11
J. McDonnell	10
J. Callanan	8
A. Bennison	8
L. Palmen (resigned August 06)	Nil
A. Murphy	8
L. Pollard	9
D. Rowling	10
W. Edmond	4

Remuneration

The chair and members of the PLA were collectively paid \$43,038 during the financial year 2006-07, as determined by Governor-in-Council.