

Executive Director's report

I want to commence by paying tribute to the Chair of the Authority, Mr Manus Boyce, who will not be seeking reappointment on expiry of his current term. He has brought an incisive intellect to the Authority, a willingness to listen and consult, and a keen regard for the regulation of licensed brothels in the public interest.

The work of the Office of the PLA is critical to the proper functioning of the Authority. I take the opportunity to place on record my thanks to my colleagues for their hard work, support, and counsel throughout the year.

The machinery-of-Government change during the year left the office intact and its functions unchanged. Due to the small size of the office, it has relied on the Queensland Police Service (QPS) for a range of corporate support services, including human resources and information technology. With the change of portfolio, corporate support services will instead be provided by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General. The process of transition of services commenced during the year and will continue in 2014-15.

This year, the Office of the PLA continued to efficiently and effectively fulfil its legislative function of helping the Authority in the performance of its functions. Amongst other things, this included:

- conducting and facilitating probity investigations of applicants for brothel licences and approved manager's certificates
- the monitoring of the provision of prostitution through licensed brothels via the compliance program
- assisting the PLA to educate the community and sex workers about issues to do with prostitution
- communicating with stakeholders
- arranging meetings of the PLA and taking minutes
- provision of advice and recommendations to the PLA
- provision of briefs and minutes and other advice to the Minister
- responding to queries and correspondence
- taking and investigating complaints
- liaising with other government agencies
- managing the finances of the PLA
- developing and implementing policies, procedures, and plans, and meeting statutory reporting requirements
- conducting surveillance of advertisements for prostitution and for social escorts advertising.

I look forward to working with the PLA, my colleagues, the licensed brothel sector, and the sex industry more generally to progress the regulation of the sector in the public interest.

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