

Executive Director's report

This year, the Office of the PLA welcomed a new Chairperson, Mr Marshall Irwin. With the assistance of the staff of the office, he has quickly got up to speed with the work and functions of the Authority.

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.

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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