

**Question on Notice
No. 171
Asked on 22 April 2004**

MRS MENKENS asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the Prostitution Licensing Authority –

- (1) Will she provide details for the past three financial years and for the year to date of the number of licensed brothels operating in Queensland?
- (2) For each brothel listed in (1), what is the number of times that each licensee has been advised of deficiencies in their establishment (e.g. letter of caution, penalty, fine), and what was the reason given?
- (3) What is the number of audits of safety and security arrangements that have been carried out for each of the above years and what was the result of each of those audits?
- (4) What is the number of audits of sexual health certificates that have been carried out for each of the above years and what has been the result of each of those audits?

ANSWER:

(1)

Financial year	Number of operational brothels
2003–04 (to date)	13
2002–03	12
2001–02	7
2000–01	1

- (2) During 2002–03 a dedicated compliance program was established at the Prostitution Licensing Authority (PLA), with two Compliance Officers employed to undertake a specific compliance schedule. Prior to 2002–03, compliance activities were administered in response to particular complaints. The number of audits/inspections undertaken over the period is as follows:

Financial year	Number of audits/inspections
2003–04 (to date)	22
2002–03	20
2001–02	2
2000–01	0

To date, all audits have identified, to varying degrees, areas of non-compliance and have resulted in the issue of either compliance or advisory notices to licensees. The PLA has initiated only one disciplinary inquiry to decide whether there are grounds for taking disciplinary action against a licensee.

- (3) The number of audits of safety and security arrangements carried out over the period is as follows:

Financial year	Audits of safety and security
2003–04 (to date)	22
2002–03	20
2001–02	2
2000–01	0

The result of each of these audits was either that the criteria were met, or recommendations for improvement to security arrangements were made by written notice to the licensee concerned.

- (4) The number of audits of sexual health certificates carried out over the period is as follows:

Financial year	Audits of sexual health certificates
2003–04 (to date)	22
2002–03	20
2001–02	2
2000–01	0

The result of each of these audits was either that the criteria were met, or recommendations for administrative improvements to the management of sexual health records were made by written notice to the licensee concerned.