

Question on Notice
No. 302
Asked on 8 March 2006

MS STONE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, FAIR TRADING AND WINE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT (MRS KEECH)—

How has the State Government responded to the Crime and Misconduct Commission's review into regulation of the adult industry?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question and her interest in this issue on behalf of her constituents of Springwood.

The conduct of sexually explicit entertainment on licensed premises is currently regulated by the Liquor Licensing Division of my Department under the provisions of the *Liquor Act 1992*.

On 21 December 2004, the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) released its report *Regulating Adult Entertainment: A Review of the Live Adult Entertainment Industry in Queensland*.

The Government has accepted the CMC's finding that the existing regulatory system works well in preventing the infliction of the industry by organised crime, prostitution or drugs, and should remain the foundation for any regulatory scheme.

In total, the Beattie Government has supported or partially supported 21 of the 29 recommendations of the CMC's report. These recommendations deal with strengthening the current system, rather than with expanding it.

The CMC's recommendation to allow more explicit sexual performances on licensed premises has been rejected outright by the Government. The Government shares the public's very strong view that the current system should not be expanded in the way suggested by the CMC.

In response to the CMC report, on 16 November 2005 the Government announced that it will introduce stricter controls on Queensland's adult entertainment industry.

My Department has commenced development of stand-alone legislation to regulate the provision of adult entertainment on licensed and unlicensed premises.

The proposed legislation will continue to tightly regulate this industry and ensure there is no link between the provision of adult entertainment and prostitution, and will protect against the exploitation of minors.