

Question on Notice
No. 669
Asked on 19 April 2007

MRS PRATT asked the Premier and Minister for Trade (MR BEATTIE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to reports that Queensland abortion clinics are not operating according to strict requirements of Queensland law—

- (1) Does the Government require a regular audit of the operations of abortion facilities to ensure that they are complying with Queensland law?
- (2) Are reports of such audits made available for the public record for Queenslanders to view?
- (3) Where can these reports can be obtained?

ANSWER:

The lawfulness of the practice of termination of pregnancy in Queensland is primarily addressed under Section 282 of the *Criminal Code Act 1899*.

Queensland Health is responsible for ensuring a minimum standard of health service is provided in private health facilities under the *Private Health Facilities Act 1999* (the Act).

The Act addresses the provision of a diagnostic, surgical or other procedure performed by a medical practitioner involving the administration of general anaesthetic or sedation, other than simple sedation. The Act also requires that all licensed private health facilities obtain certification from a quality assurance entity.

Regular audits of licensed private health facilities are conducted by Queensland Health and certified quality assurance auditors.