1. In December 2004, the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) released its report on the regulation of the prostitution industry in Queensland, *Regulating prostitution: an evaluation of the Prostitution Act 1999 (Qld)* (the 2004 report)*.*
2. The 2004 report concluded that Queensland has a safe and effective legal brothel industry, that there is no evidence of corruption or organised crime within the legal industry, and that the impact of legal brothels on the community appears to have been minimal. The 2004 report recommended a number of amendments to the *Prostitution Act 1999* and *Prostitution Regulation 2000*.
3. Recommendation 23 of the 2004 report provided for the extension of the review in order to examine whether Queensland should legalise outcall or escort prostitution services.
4. In October 2006, the CMC released the *Regulating outcall prostitution: should legal outcall prostitution services be extended to licensed brothels and independent escort agencies?* report which details 23 recommendations again aimed at ensuring the legal industry’s continued viability and reducing incentives for an illegal industry.
5. The recommendations can be divided into four general categories: legalising outcall prostitution; advertising restrictions; prosecuting illegal operators and seeking asset confiscation; and enhancing the safety of sole operators. Recommendations 1 and 2 of provide that outcall services from licensed brothels and from independent ‘escort agencies’ in Queensland should not be legalised. These recommendations are supported.
6. All of the other recommendations are considered acceptable for implementation either through legislative or non-legislative means.
7. Cabinet approved the Government response to the recommendations contained in the Crime and Misconduct Commission report “*Regulating outcall prostitution: should legal outcall prostitution services be extended to licensed brothels and independent escort agencies?”.*
8. *Attachments*
* Nil.