SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF BROTHELS

Mr Victor Dominello moved, by leave, That:

(1) A select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on the Regulation of Brothels, be appointed to inquire into and report on the regulation of brothels in New South Wales.

(2) The committee is to examine and report on:

(a) Appropriate local and state government regulatory and compliance functions for brothels;
(b) The demarcation in local and state government roles and responsibilities; and;
(c) Possible reform options that address the social, health and planning challenges associated with legal and illegal brothels.

(3) The inquiry should consider:

(a) The current extent and nature of the brothel industry in New South Wales;
(b) Current regulation of brothels in New South Wales and other states;
(c) Penalties and enforcement powers required to close illegal brothels;
(d) Options for reform including a scheme of registration or licencing system for authorised brothels;
(e) The protection of sex workers, including issues around organised crime and sex trafficking;
(f) Options to maintain the high level of public health outcomes;
(g) Residential amenity and the location of sex services premises;
(h) Any legislative changes that may be required; and
(i) Any other related matters.

(4) The committee consist of seven members, as follows:

(a) Four Government members, being Ms Melanie Gibbons, Mr Alister Henskens, Mrs Melinda Pavey and Ms Eleni Petinos;
(b) Two Opposition members; and
(c) One Independent member, being Mr Alex Greenwich.

(5) Mr Alister Henskens shall be the Chair of the committee.

(6) The Opposition members shall be nominated in writing to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly by the Opposition Whip by 25 June 2015. Any changes in membership, including the Independent member, shall also be so notified.

(7) The committee will have leave to sit during the sitting or any adjournment of the House.

(8) The committee is to report by 12 November 2015.

Question put and passed.