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Ms Elspeth Dyer  
Inquiry Manager  
Select Committee on the Regulation of Brothels  
By email: [ROBInquiry@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ROBInquiry@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Ms Dyer,

### **Inquiry into the Regulation of Brothels**

I refer to your letter of 8 September following the City of Sydney's appearance to give evidence before the Select Committee on the Regulation of Brothels on 1 September.

Please find the questions in bold and the City's response as outlined below:

**Question How many penalty notices has Council issues to brothels in the last 5 years?**

The City hasn't issued any penalty notices to brothels in the last five years.

**Question How many order to comply had Council issued to brothels in the last 5 years?**

The City has issued fewer than 20 Orders to Comply to brothels in the last five years.

**Question How many closure notices has Council issued to brothels in the last 5 years?**

The City has issued fewer than 20 closure orders to brothels in the last five years

**Question How many prosecutions against brothels has council pursued in the last 5 years (and what were the outcomes)?**

The City hasn't pursued any prosecutions against brothels in the last five years.

The City uses an electronic database system to log and respond to customer service requests. In this system there are codes to assist recording and allocation of these requests, but there's no specific code for complaints relating to unauthorised sex premises or brothels in general.

When the City receives a report of an unauthorised sex premises it's recorded as 'unauthorised use' because it's a type of non-approved development use. The City's Health & Building team have therefore provided estimated figures above, as we don't currently have exact figures.

Should you wish to speak with a Council officer about City action taken at brothels, please contact [REDACTED], Acting Standards & Policy Manager, on [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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**Kim Woodbury**  
A/Chief Executive Officer

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