

INQUIRY INTO HUMAN TRAFFICKING – RESPONSE FROM NSW POLICE FORCE TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

The NSWPF has provided the following responses to the four supplementary questions posed by the Committee. These relate to information held in the personal notes of Detective Superintendent Howlett used during the hearing, which the Committee requested be submitted at that time. The notes had references to which the responses below relate:

Q.1 No accurate or approximate number of persons trafficked as sexual slaves were provided in the information report (relating to the brothels referred to in the submission). The narrative detailed that multiple passports and documents, pertaining to trafficking from Asia, were seized. It also described that a dormitory within the same building had multiple rooms with up to fifteen beds in some rooms.

Q.2 The information (relating to students arriving under false passports and being forced into sex slavery) was recorded by the NSW Police Force on 6 February 2014, so it is alleged to have occurred prior to and at the time of, this date.

Q.3 The paragraph (relating to several Crimestoppers reports) refers to five Crimestoppers reports which were made during the 2013 calendar year. The reports pertained to six brothels. One brothel was identified in two of the information reports.

Q.4 There is no information to suggest NSW based OMCGs are involved in organising or facilitating travel to Australia for persons from overseas, and forcing them to work in brothels or massage parlours (as a separate issue to the involvement of OMCGs in brothel business or the intimidation and extortion in relation to brothels).