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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Mrs Giulia Jones MLA on 18 June 2014: Mr Mark McCabe took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Inspections of brothels

Mrs Giulia Jones: And on the matter of brothel inspections, how many brothels have been inspected? How often have each one been inspected? Since the conclusion of the 2012 Assembly Inquiry what issues were found on each site? Have they been resolved and does WorkSafe have tip-offs to ACT Policing about issues that they find that they have concern about that are more in the legal space than in the worker's space?

Mr Simon Corbell MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

14 brothels were visited in 2013/2014 by WorkSafe ACT. One of these was visited 3 times and 2 others were visited twice. In addition 2 other brothels were visited but the premises were not open.

A number of Improvement Notices were issued which relate to a range of matters, which are generally unrelated to the business operating as a brothel, such as not having safety data sheets, fire safety and first aid. Only one of the Improvement Notices is still to be complied with.

WorkSafe ACT alerts relevant authorities such as ACT Policing, ACT Health and the Department of Immigration when concerns that may be relevant to their jurisdiction are observed.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for Workplace Safety and Industrial Relations, Mr Simon Corbell MLA