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Subject: Questions without notice

I'll make all these yes no questions to just get through them so I don't get into an argument with officers about interpreting data and law....

Please let me know if officers think any of the answers to these questions are 'no' before I ask them tonight?

Regarding the recently enacted Sex Decriminalisation Act 2020, I have a few questions.

1. Is it true that sex work was already legal in Victoria, prior to this Bill?
(Yes)
2. Is it true that the Government enacted the Sex Decriminalisation Act 2020 after shutting down the community consultation phase early?
(Yes)
3. Is it true that practicing sex work while infected with a sexually transmitted disease has been decriminalised under this Act?
(Yes)
4. Is it true that under this law, children under the age of 18 months old are legally allowed to be present at commercial brothels?
(Yes)
And that commercial brothels are now eligible for Liquor Licenses?
(Yes)
And that this law has repealed any size limits on commercial brothels?
(Yes)
5. Is it true that under this law, sex work businesses or brothels, are now allowed to be operated out of residential zones, that out of homes?
(Yes)
6. Is it true that under this law, children under the age of 18 months old are legally allowed to be inside those home based brothels?
(Yes)
7. Is it true that under this law, sex work can be paid for in 'drugs of dependence'?
(Yes)
8. Is it true that under this law public solicitation, or what is commonly known as 'street prostitution' is now legal everywhere except in certain unclearly defined buffer zones around schools and places of worship?
(Yes)

Thanks

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