

Weapons and Other Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2020

Explanatory notes for SL 2020 No. 112

made under the

Prostitution Act 1999

Weapons Act 1990

General Outline

Short title

Weapons and Other Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2020

Authorising law

Section 140 of the *Prostitution Act 1999*

Section 172 of the *Weapons Act 1990*

Schedule 1 of the *Weapons Act 1990*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

In accordance with Government policy, regulatory fees and charges are reviewed annually. The indexation of fees and charges seeks to maintain their value over time, relative to the anticipated increase in associated costs. The current Government indexation policy is that fees and charges are to be indexed at 1.8% for the 2020-2021 financial year.

The objective of the *Weapons and Other Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation 2020* (the Amendment Regulation) is to amend the *Prostitution Regulation 2014* and *Weapons Regulation 2016* to apply annual indexation of fees and charges in accordance with the current Government indexation policy.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Amendment Regulation achieves its objectives by applying the Government indexation policy to fees and charges in the *Prostitution Regulation 2014* and the *Weapons Regulation 2016*.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the objectives of the authorising Acts.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

Any costs associated with the implementation of the Amendment Regulation are negligible and will be met through existing budgets.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the fundamental legislative principles as defined in section 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

Consultation

The Queensland Police Service has concluded that the Amendment Regulation is exempt from regulatory impact analysis as it falls within the following exclusion categories outlined in the Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation:

- category (h) 'Regulatory proposals that put forward standard annual fee variations in line with or below a government endorsed indexation factor'.

Consequently, the Office of Best Practice Regulation was not consulted about the Regulation.