

## Issues paper 4.4 - Should the meaning of consent in sexual offences arising in the context of commercial sexual services agreements be clarified?

In WA, sex work is governed by the Prostitution Act. This Act makes most sex work related activities illegal, although it not illegal for an adult without prescribed convictions to engage in sexual activity for money.

Despite the various legislative prohibitions related to sex work, people still engage in sexual activities for money. While the general consent provisions apply to such activities, data indicates that people working in the sex industry experience high levels of sexual violence. It has been s