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Abbreviations

ACTLAD	Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly, <i>Debates</i> .
CJC	Criminal Justice Commission (Queensland)
Fitzgerald Report	Queensland 1989, <i>Report of a Commission of Inquiry Pursuant to Orders in Council (Chairperson G. E. Fitzgerald)</i>
Fitzgerald Transcript	Queensland 1987–88, Unpublished Transcript of Proceedings. Commission of Inquiry Pursuant to Orders in Council (Chairperson G. E. Fitzgerald)
HofR	Commonwealth of Australia, House of Representatives, <i>Debates</i> .
JSCVM	Commonwealth of Australia 1988, <i>Report of the Joint Select Committee on Video Material</i> .
Neave Report	Victoria, 1985, <i>Inquiry into Prostitution: Final Report</i> .
NSWPD	New South Wales, Parliament, <i>Debates</i> .
NSWSCP	New South Wales 1986, <i>Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly Upon Prostitution: Final Report</i> .
NTLAPR	Northern Territory, Legislative Assembly, <i>Parliamentary Record</i> .
QFBR	Queensland, Films Board of Review, <i>Annual Report</i> .
QHAR	Queensland, Department of Health, <i>Annual Report</i> .
QLBR	Queensland, Literature Board of Review, <i>Annual Report</i> .
QPAR	Queensland, Police Department, <i>Annual Report</i> .
QPD	Queensland, Parliament, <i>Debates</i> .
SAPD	South Australia, Parliament, <i>Debates</i> .

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Senate	Commonwealth of Australia, Senate, <i>Debates</i> .
SMH	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> .
VPD	Victoria, Parliament, <i>Debates</i> .
WAPD	Western Australia, Parliament, <i>Debates</i> .
Wolfenden Report	Great Britain, 1957, <i>Report of the Committee on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution</i> .