

Now you can hire a private detective to spy on your spouse

BRIDES and grooms-to-be in South Africa are increasingly hiring private detectives to spy on their future spouses and to check on their pasts, including their sex lives.

The future marriage partners being investigated do not have a clue that they are being watched.

If no major dirt is dug up, they eventually march trustingly down the aisle without ever realising that their beloveds now know all about their former lives.

Former Durban policeman Reg Horne, who runs investigation agencies in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban

and Gauteng, has lifted the lid on the business of spying on future life partners.

Horne said he had established his company in response to a growing demand from private individuals. Increasing numbers of deceitful people had created an atmosphere of distrust.

"With so many scoundrels and con men about, how do you know that Mr or Miss Right is in fact the real deal?

"This is why we have found a growing tendency for people to conduct background checks on potential mates before getting into a relationship," he said.

It's mostly well-heeled busi-

ness people with lots to lose who do the checking up, finding out as much as possible about their potential partners, including their sex lives.

"We have also been contracted by the spouses of foreign visitors to keep an eye on their loved ones," Horne said. - *Own Correspondent*