

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Boothby to the Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing:

Investigation into the Darwin Greyhound Association

- 1. What is the current progress in addressing the recommendations from the Investigation into the Darwin Greyhound Association Final Report which was released 20 July 2021?**

As at June 2022, 62% of the recommendations from the investigation have been completed. The Darwin Greyhound Association (DGA), the Racing Commission (Commission), and Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT) continue to work together to finalise accepted recommendations.

- 2. Please provide any implementation plan that deals with the 61 recommendations contained in the report? These include:**

- a. DGA – 34**
- b. Racing Commission – 16**
- c. Licensing NT – 3**
- d. Northern Territory Government – 3**
- e. GRANT - 5**

The Darwin Greyhound Association (DGA), the Racing Commission (Commission), and Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT) continue to work together on finalising outstanding recommendations.

- 3. How many recommendations have been implemented in full and can the Minister provide dates when they were finalised?**

- 36 have been completed, including increasing penalties associated with live baiting offences (from two years to life time ban);

- 4. How many recommendations are yet to be completed and can a list of these be provided, including expected timeline for completion?**

- 6 are unable to be completed by the DITT until the review of the Racing and Betting Act (currently underway) has been finalised
- 14 are waiting on the DGA to action
- 2 relate to the establishment of Memorandums of Understanding between the DGA, Commission and rehoming organisations
- 2 are not being supported by the DGA, the Commission and DITT, the first being the remuneration of management committee members and the second being the development of a national policy for offences associated with greyhound racing.

5. The Final report also identified a number of additional recommendation details under Terms of Reference (TOR) 1 to TOR 7. What progress has been made with addressing these recommendations?

The recommendations outlined in the executive summary section, although with some amended wording, have been taken from the section titled 'Responses to the Terms of Reference (TOR 1 to 7)'.

6. What was the annual funding to Darwin Greyhound Association for the past five years – 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22

A five year funding agreement, worth \$800,000 per annum between the DGA and the NT Government expired on 1 July 2021. The amount paid was reduced by the amount of the Industry Payments paid in the previous year. The DGA received a 1 year variable funding agreement worth \$605,000 for the purposes of implementing the recommendations of the report.