

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Animal Welfare – Greyhound Industry

The NT Racing Commission investigated the Darwin Greyhound Association and industry in 2021 and a report was released on the 20th July 2021.

1. Has work started on the implementation plan and if not, why not? If work has commenced, what agencies are involved and what work has been undertaken? Will the plan become a public document?
2. Has a secretary of the association been appointed?
3. Has a service plan been developed and if not, why? If a service plan has been developed, has it been implemented?
4. Have any of the association's management committee members and the operations manager completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors course and if not, when will participation occur? Is the NT government paying for the course fees?
5. Has the Government implemented Greyhounds Australia's 'Greyhound Welfare Strategy' and if not when will to be undertaken?
6. Has the code of practice for keeping racing greyhounds been developed and if work has commenced, what Government agencies are involved and what industry people or groups?
7. Has the Racing Commission engaged with the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee on any aspects of the implementation plan? Who is involved and what work has been undertaken?
8. How frequently do Government officials visit and inspect the kennels for racing greyhounds? Have there been any reports submitted on the kennels any breach of good animal welfare conditions?
9. How many stewards have been appointed by the NT Government and what is the term of office?

10. The report recommends amendments to the Racing and Betting Act and the Animal Welfare Act – when will amendments be presented to parliament?
11. Have meetings been held between NT Government agencies, PAWS and the rehoming association in regards to development of a Territory wide rehoming programme funded by industry? How many meetings have been held and will the new programme be ready to commence by July 2022?
12. Has work commenced on the development of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Racing Commission, the greyhound industry and NT Government animal welfare agency and if not, why not? Will the MOU be a public document?
13. What is the NT Government's intended annual rehoming target for greyhounds?
14. Does the NT Government intend to adopt a zero euthanasia target for greyhounds?