

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 881

Asked on Thursday, 17 September 2015

MRS STUCKEY asked the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister for Sport and Racing (HON W BYRNE)—

QUESTION:

I refer to the Minister's answer No 1, taken on notice to a question asked at the estimates hearing—

Will the Minister provide the cost of keeping seized and surrendered greyhounds at Golden View Kennels, Glory Bound Kennels, Maywyn Kennels and Sovereign Lodge, between 14 February 2015 and 31 August 2015, reported separately for (a) the total number of seized or surrendered greyhound dogs in care, (b) the total cost of their care, (c) the number of dogs in the Greyhound Adoption Program, and (d) the veterinarian costs incurred for items listed in (b) and (c) in the answer No 1, taken on notice to a question asked at estimates?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

To provide clarity for the response, a 'seized' dog refers to a dog owned by, or residing on the property of, a person formerly licensed by Racing Queensland and subsequently warned off as a result of the investigations into live-baiting earlier this year. A 'surrendered' dog refers to a dog retired from the racing industry and willingly submitted to the Racing Queensland Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) by the owner or authorised person of the dog with the intent that the GAP will re-home the dog as a pet.

It should be noted that the number of greyhounds in the care of the GAP and Racing Queensland at particular points during the period 14 February 2015 to 31 August 2015 fluctuated based on some being adopted through the GAP and some being returned to owners.

- a) During the period 14 February 2015 and 31 August 2015, 77 greyhounds were recorded as being surrendered to the GAP and 101 greyhounds were seized and held in care by the GAP. This resulted in a total of 178 greyhounds that were in care during the period.
- b) During the period 14 February 2015 and 31 August 2015, the total average cost for the 77 greyhounds surrendered to the GAP was \$83,549, the total cost for the 101 seized greyhounds was \$325,077 with an additional lease cost for the seized greyhounds of \$58,358.
- c) As at 14 February 2015, there were 55 GAP greyhounds in care. During the period 14 February 2015 and 31 August 2015 inclusive, 77 greyhounds were recorded as being surrendered to the GAP, 49 dogs were re-homed, and 101 greyhounds were seized and held in care of the GAP.
- d) For the period 14 February 2015 to 31 August 2015, veterinary costs incurred from the items listed in (b) and (c) of the answer to Estimates Hearing Question taken on Notice No. 1 were \$49,718.