

Question on Notice

No. 42

Asked on 4 February 2020

MR J LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON S HINCHLIFFE) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of greyhounds bred between 2016-17 and 2018-19 (reported separately by year), (b) the wastage numbers of (i) pre-racing Greyhounds, (ii) racing greyhounds and (iii) retired greyhounds between 2016-17 and 2018-19 (reported separately by type and year)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Surfers Paradise for the question.

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (the Commission) defines wastage as:

- animals bred for the industry that are never raced and are not rehomed
- retired animals that are suitable for rehoming, but are not rehomed
- retired animals that are not suitable for rehoming.

(a) The number of greyhounds bred between financial years 2016-17 to 2018-19 was:

- 2016-17 – 765
- 2017-18 – 874
- 2018-19 – 1155.

(b) The below figures should not be used to derive any reliable conclusions about the level of wastage in the below categories.

(i) pre-racing greyhounds (named not yet raced) between 2016-17 and 2018-19 were:

- 2016-17 – 13
- 2017-18 – 141
- 2018-19 – 80
- please note – greyhounds must attain the age of 16 months to be nominated for an event.

(ii) racing greyhounds are not included within the Commission's definition of wastage, therefore, no figures have been provided.

(iii) numbers of retired greyhounds notified as deceased or euthanased (as notified by racing participants under rule GAR106 of the Greyhounds Australasia Rules obtained from the OzChase database at 20 February 2020) between 2016-17 and 2018-19 were:

- 2016-17 – 563
- 2017-18 – 415
- 2018-19 – 461.

Participants may submit reasons about death or euthanasia, such as due to illness, age, not suitable for racing, not suitable for rehoming, etc.

The numbers of retired greyhounds that were humanely euthanased after being submitted to the Greyhound Adoption Program as a result of being unsuitable for rehoming between 2016-17 and 2018-19 were:

- 2016-17 – 101
- 2017-18 – 82
- 2018-19 – 30.