

Question on Notice

No. 847

Asked on 14 June 2024

MR T MANDER asked the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing (HON G GRACE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to Greyhound racing and welfare in Queensland, and the Queensland Racing and Integrity Commission (QRIC)—

Will the Minister advise (reported separately by financial year) from 2019-20 to 2023-24 (a) the total number of greyhounds identified as suitable for adoption through the QRIC Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP), (b) the total number of greyhounds that were adopted through the GAP and (c) the total cost of the GAP?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) has seen an increase in the number of retired greyhounds rehomed through its Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) year on year since 2021.

QRIC does not hold a separate metric for greyhounds suitable for adoption.

Across the 2019-20 to 2023-24 financial years, the total number of greyhounds rehomed to Queensland families, including the total annual costs of the GAP were:

- 2019-20: 240 greyhounds adopted and rehomed, costs \$1,842,431.44
- 2020-21: 228 greyhounds adopted and rehomed, costs \$1,877,588.32
- 2021-22: 267 greyhounds adopted and rehomed, costs \$2,212,479.70
- 2022-23: 299 greyhounds adopted and rehomed, costs \$2,296,097.84
- 2023-24: 455 greyhounds adopted and rehomed, costs \$3,312,747.53.

The increase in adoption number in the 2023-24 financial year is reflective of the greater effort QRIC has focused on promoting greyhound adoption, engaging with the greyhound racing industry and the wider Queensland community, resulting in a larger number of dogs being accepted into the adoption program and rehomed.