

32 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE GREYHOUND WELFARE AND INTEGRITY COMMISSION

Mr Borsak moved, according to sessional order: That private members' business item no. 775 be considered in a short form format.

Question put and passed.

Mr Borsak by leave, amended private members' business item no. 775 by omitting in paragraph 1 (f) "the effectiveness of the Commission," and inserting instead "the actions, conduct and effectiveness of the Commission and GRNSW,".

Mr Borsak moved, according to notice, as by leave amended:

- (1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (the Commission) as the independent regulator of the greyhound industry in New South Wales, and in particular:
 - (a) the policies, procedures, mechanisms, and overarching principles of the Commission in relation to industry participants,
 - (b) the appropriateness of disciplinary action for those industry participants breaching legal requirements as set out by the Commission,
 - (c) the options for appeal by industry participants who breach legal requirements as set out by the Commission,
 - (d) the combined relationship of the Commission, the industry operator Greyhound Racing NSW, and industry participants in relation to the overall greyhound racing industry,

- (e) the existing funding agreement between the Commission and Greyhound Racing NSW with a view to considering recommended options,
 - (f) the actions, conduct and effectiveness of the Commission and GRNSW, in particular in relation to its role in improving the welfare of greyhounds, and
 - (g) any other related matter.
- (2) That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of eight members comprising:
- (a) three government members,
 - (b) two opposition members, and
 - (c) three crossbench members, with one being Mr Borsak and one being Ms Boyd.
- (3) That the Chair of the committee be Mr Borsak and the Deputy Chair be Ms Boyd.
- (4) That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
- (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the committee clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
 - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
 - (c) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between government, opposition and crossbench members, in order determined by the committee, with equal time allocated to each,
 - (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
 - (e) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the committee clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and
 - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the committee clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.