

14 SELECT COMMITTEE INTO PUPPY FARMING (Formal Business)

Mr Veitch, by leave, amended private members' business item no. 1560 by:

(1) Inserting in paragraph (1):

"(a) the provisions of the Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021".

(2) Omitting paragraph (3) and inserting instead :

"(3) That the Chair of the committee be Mr Veitch and the Deputy Chair be Ms Hurst."

Mr Veitch moved, as formal business, as by leave amended:

(1) That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on puppy farming in New South Wales, and in particular:

- (a) the provisions of the Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021,
- (b) the animal protection issues associated with puppy farming,
- (c) the consumer protection issues associated with the sale of dogs from puppy farms online and in pet shops,
- (d) the adequacy of the current legislative and enforcement framework, including the Animal Welfare Code of Practice - Breeding of Dogs and Cats,
- (e) the extent to which the recommendations of the 2015 Joint Select Committee on Companion Animal Breeding Practices in NSW have been implemented by the NSW Government,
- (f) the impact of the NSW Government Consultation Paper 'Licensing and regulation of cat and dog breeders',

- (g) the impact and effectiveness of the NSW Government ‘Puppy Factory Taskforce’ announced on 23 October 2020,
 - (h) the impact and effectiveness the Domestic Animals Amendment (Puppy Farm and Pet Shops) Act 2017 (Vic) on puppy farming in Victoria, and the consequences for the puppy farming industry in NSW,
 - (i) the challenges faced by local councils in respect to development applications for puppy farms,
 - (j) legislative and other measures that could be implemented to stop or reduce puppy farming in NSW, and
 - (k) 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, including Ms Hurst and Ms Boyd.
- (3) That the Chair of the committee be Mr Veitch and the Deputy Chair be Ms Hurst.
- (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.

Question put and passed.