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Subject: Re: [External] 2021 inquiry into the approved charitable organisations under POCTAA - Post-hearing responses - 28 March 2022 - RSPCA NSW
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Dear Anthony

I am pleased to provide the following responses to questions on notice:

Q1: RSPCA NSW works closely with the NSW Government on a range of animal welfare matters, and during the course of this work we've regularly highlighted the fiscal challenges we face and advocated for increased operational funding.

Q2: RSPCA NSW currently employs two full time lawyers who prosecute matters in both metropolitan and regional NSW as well as providing general counsel. Their workload fluctuates and we engage external legal practitioners as needed. Ms Jurd works approximately 55 hours per week on average including regional travel.

Q3: The Brighton case is estimated to have cost RSPCA NSW \$180,000 in legal costs, including the work of our employees and external counsel, but excluding Inspectorate resources, which have been considerable.

Q4: RSPCA NSW are ready to assist the Chair upon receiving further details of these matters.

If there is anything else we can do to assist you and the committee, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards

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