

## Supplementary Questions

### 2023 INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATION OF THE CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS UNDER THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT 1979 HEARING – Friday, 26 April 2024 SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS Animal Welfare League NSW

1. How many PINS did you issue in FY 2022/23? 9 PINS were issued.
2. How many prosecutions did you commence in FY 2022/23? 0 Prosecutions
3. What is the proportion of dogs and cats euthanised as a percentage of intake figures?

#### Animal Euthanasia AWL NSW 2022-23

	Cats	Dogs	Total	%
Intake*	1466	539	2005	na
<b>Euthanasia - Behaviour</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.40%</b>
Euthanasia - Medical	127	23	150	7.48%
Euthanasia -Total	129	29	158	7.88%

\* Excluding branches and the carry over stock of animals

#### 4. The issue of 'stock welfare panels' came up at the Inquiry, and the role they can play in educating and guiding people with regards to animal welfare issues. Do you think it is sufficient to rely on this type of education and guidance to uphold animal cruelty laws in NSW?

Yes, stock welfare panels are required regarding the monitoring of stock welfare. These panels include experts that can advise on livestock health and as well as including Inspectors to monitor and record the animals observed.

#### 5. In your opinion, is it sufficient to fix the enforcement of animal cruelty laws – or do we need to overhaul our animal cruelty laws – in particular, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 (NSW) – to ensure good animal welfare in NSW?

POCTAA needs to be reviewed and amended so that the element of the offence is clear and that harsher fines and/or mandatory sentencing accompanies the offence. Definitions within the Act need to be unambiguous. For example, Section 11 is ambiguous- Animals are not to be abandoned. There is no clear definition about what this entails. There is no PIN (Fine) for this offence so therefore it is an automatic prosecution. Using this example, it would be beneficial to expand the abandonment definition and implementing a Fine for the offence. By overhauling animal cruelty laws, and increasing fines and sentencing, this will hopefully act as more of a deterrent against animal cruelty.