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Mr John Miller
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Dear John

I refer to your letter of November 22, 2013 concerning questions posed to representatives of the NSW GBOTA and taken on notice of the Parliamentary Hearing on Friday, November 15, 2013.

The quotations taken on notice and the further responses of the NSW GBOTA are as follows:

- 1. The Hon. NATASHA MACLAREN-JONES: The former integrity auditor, David Landa, resigned in April 2012 and reported that "failings in the legislation make the functioning of this position as an independent oversight, simply not possible". Do you know what failings he was referring to? I would be happy for you to take that on notice.**

The NSW does not know specifically what failings in the legislation were of concern to Mr Landa.

However, the Association has received considerable feedback from members and greyhound racing participants who are concerned with the principle that the Integrity Auditor is appointed by the body to which they apply integrity oversight.

The NSW GBOTA would assume that Mr Landa was concerned at what he perceived to be restrictions in how he could carry out his role in this circumstance. This goes to transparency and independence of the position.

In its joint submission (No. 380) to the Parliamentary Inquiry the NSW GBOTA made the following recommendation:

(a) That the process for appointment of the Integrity Auditor be independent of GRNSW and there be efforts made to enhance transparency regarding the consideration of findings and recommendations in any reports prepared by the Integrity Auditor, including actions open to the Minister.

We believe that this recommendation, perhaps further enhanced to require that the Integrity Auditor's role be undertaken within a reasonable budget, remains a valid and appropriate suggestion for the consideration of the Select Committee:

2. Dr JOHN KAYE: The trainer and another person who is collecting the swab are present, but we do not know who that person is employed by?

Please find to follow procedures that apply with regard to swabbing at:

(a) Wentworth Park Friday/Saturday metropolitan meetings:

During collection of swabs, one of three approved persons is in attendance with the greyhound handler as the swab is collected. Those persons are either the GRNSW employed swabbing assistant, the GRNSW employed Veterinary Surgeon or approved persons employed by the NSW GBOTA.

In the vast majority of cases, the person collecting the swab is the GRNSW employed swab assistant. Where swabbing demand is excessive, then the GRNSW employed Veterinary Surgeon may collect the swab or alternatively the approved NSW GBOTA employees.

At any given metropolitan meeting, two approved NSW GBOTA employees are authorised to assist with swabbing if required.

(b) Wentworth Park Monday night meetings:

At Monday night TAB C meetings, the swab assistant is an employee of the NSW GBOTA. The NSW GRNSW employed Veterinary Surgeon may also collect the swab.

(c) TAB meetings:

At all TAB meetings the swab assistant is an employee of the TAB club. The GRNSW employed Veterinary Surgeon may also collect swabs.

Yours sincerely

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