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## **BUDGET ESTIMATES 2023-2024**

### **Supplementary questions**

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**Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Gaming and Racing, Veterans, the Central Coast, Medical Research**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS**

<b>Questions from Hon Emma Hurst MLC</b>
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- (1) GWIC's Annual Report for 2022-23 disclosed 911 greyhound mortalities, including 544 euthanasias. In respect to each of the 544 euthanasias, can you please advise:
  - (a) The names of the greyhounds euthanised
  - (b) The name of the vet that performed the euthanasia
  - (c) The specific veterinary reason for each euthanasia, including but not limited to:
    - i. In the case of greyhounds euthanised due to 'injury' – the details of the injury
    - ii. In the case of greyhounds euthanised due to 'illness' – the details of the illness
    - iii. In the case of greyhounds euthanised due to 'failure to rehome' – the details as to why the greyhound was unable to be rehomed
    - iv. In the case of greyhounds euthanised due to 'behaviourally unsuitable' – the details as to why the greyhound was behaviourally unsuitable and why the decision was made to euthanise.
- (2) In respect to the 148 greyhounds that died from 'injury or accident' in 2022-23, please provide the specific detail of the injury or accident.
- (3) In respect to the 219 greyhounds that died from 'Illness, age or natural causes' in 2022-23, please provide the age of each dog at time of death.
- (4) What is the maximum number of greyhounds that can be held at the Greyhound as Pets (GAP) facility in Western Sydney (Londonderry)?
- (5) In the case of overflow from the Londonderry facility, what facilities are the greyhounds sent to? Please provide the address and name of any individuals who provide this 'overflow' housing.
- (6) How many greyhounds are currently on the 'waiting list' to be assisted by GAP?
- (7) What happens to dogs who are not accepted by GAP due to capacity issues?

## **ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS & TREATY**

### **Land Claims**

- (8) In response to Supplementary Questions last year in relation to Aboriginal land claims the Minister referred to a 'group of relevant Ministers had been established who meet when required'.
- (a) Are Department officials involved in these meetings with other Ministers to discuss issues relating to Aboriginal land claims?
  - (b) Which Ministers are involved in these meetings?
  - (c) How often do these meetings occur and what are the priorities?
  - (d) What work is being undertaken and/or planned to address the large number of land claims still outstanding?

### **Closing the Gap**

- (9) In a recent announcement the Premier and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs announced the new partnership agreement to close the gap in NSW formalising a state-based partnership under Closing the Gap to include local government.
- (a) What changes, if any, will be made as a result of this agreement being signed by the Premier, NSW CAPO and Local Government NSW?
  - (b) What specific changes will be made as a result of this agreement to assist local councils work in partnership with all levels of government and NSW CAPO in supporting Aboriginal people?
  - (c) Can you please provide an update of the review into the NSW Procurement Policy that was undertaken by NSW Treasury?
  - (d) In October, the hearing heard that at that point in time there had been no consultation with Aboriginal Affairs to provide input into the Review. Has Aboriginal Affairs now had the opportunity to provide input into the Review?

## **GAMING & RACING**

### **Cashless gaming trials and panel**

- (10) Did the 52 applicants to participate in the trial provide reasons to wanting to be a part of the trial?
- (11) What reasons were the unsuccessful applications given for not being selected for the trail?

### **Responsible Gambling Officers**

- (12) What strategies has the government implemented to attract more staff to take up roles in hospitality?
- (13) The Federal Government is boosting immigration to boost workforce, what plans does the Government have to secure workers in hospitality?

### **Alcoholic Drinks with Soft Drink Branding**

- (14) Does the Minister support the decision of the Alcohol Beverages Advertising Code Scheme that the alcoholic drink 'Hard Solo' had "strong or evident appeal to minors"?
- (15) At what point did Liquor and Gaming NSW "[form] the view that liquor products which leverage established or iconic soft drink brands inherently hold appeal to minors and [believe] this risk warrants consideration of regulatory action"?

  - (a) Does the Minister agree with this view?

- (16) Does the Minister believe the current system of liquor regulation in NSW is unable to protect minors from drinks that may appeal to them?

  - (a) Are minors currently consuming alcoholic drinks with colourful or "iconic" marketing?

- (17) Does the Minister believe that adults cannot distinguish between soft drinks and alcoholic drinks which may partially feature iconic branding found in some soft drinks?
- (18) Which currently available alcoholic drinks, aside from the former 'Hard Solo', raise concerns for Liquor and Gaming NSW by 'leveraging well-known soft drink branding'?

  - (a) Could these drinks in future be declared undesirable as part of "a class of liquor products, being those that leverage well-known soft drink branding"?
  - (b) When will Liquor and Gaming NSW decide if they will pursue "further formal regulatory action"?

## **VETERANS**

### **Pandemonium Concert clash with ANZAC Day**

- (19) Can you advise if there is any cost to the NSW Government of changing the venue of the ANZAC Day Pandemonium concert from the Domain to the Sydney Olympic Park?
- (a) Can you advise if the NSW Government has financially underwritten the Pandemonium concert now that it is to be held at Sydney Olympic Park on the 25th April 2024 ?

### **Veterans Strategy**

- (20) How many ADF members transition out of defence and settle in NSW each year?
- (21) Is the Minister committed to continuing the programs in the strategy?
- (a) How much funding is there?
- (b) Will there be any new initiatives as part of the strategy?

### **Palliative Care Cuts**

- (22) Was the Minister aware that the people of the Central Coast have experienced a 36% cut, \$9m over five years, to palliative care in their local health district since the Minns Labor Government was elected?
- (a) As the Minister for the Central Coast, did you advocate for the retention of the pre-election funding?
- (b) What advocacy have you made to the Minister for Health to provide the necessary funding for the two palliative care units on the Central Coast, as well as the required recurrent funding for staff at these units?

## **CENTRAL COAST**

### **General**

- (23) What is the Government's plan to invest adequately in enabling infrastructure in the Central Coast so we can unlock the existing pipeline for the region's housing and jobs?
- (a) Does the Government have a plan for unlocking the potential of the Central Coast?
- (b) If yes, when will this plan be released?

- (c) How many briefs as Minister for the Central Coast has your office received for each week in the last 12 weeks?
- (d) Since last Budget Estimates, what Central Coast specific projects or initiatives have you advocated for, for the Central Coast?

### **Albanese Labor Government Cuts**

- (24) What representations have the Government made to the Commonwealth regarding the \$1 billion that was cut from Faster Rail on the Central Coast?
  - (a) Minister, have you criticised the Albanese Labor Government for these cuts to the Central Coast – putting the interests of the state over the interests of the Labor Party?
  - (b) What representations have you made personally from a Central Coast perspective to the Federal Government on their cuts to the region?
  - (c) What reasons have the Commonwealth given the NSW Government for cancelling this funding – what were the “issues” with the project in the Commonwealths eyes?
  - (d) Is the State Government still committed to funding faster rail on the Central Coast, to allow existing rail stock to travel at faster speeds at pinch points on the tracks?

### **Hydrogen Bus Trials**

- (25) Could you give an update on Hydrogen Bus Trials on the Central Coast?
  - (a) What criteria is the Government using to measure the success of the trial?
  - (b) Is there any plans to expand the trials by adding more regions or additional buses in these locations?
  - (c) When will outcomes of the trials be publicly available?

### **Warnervale Airport**

- (26) Is the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act still on track to be repealed this month?
- (27) What actions have been taken to ensure that the Central Coast Airport Masterplan meets the needs of the community?

## **MEDICAL RESEARCH**

### **2012 10 Year Medical Research Strategy – Review overdue**

- (28) Minister, we were told at the Hearings, the Government is undertaking a range of programs and plans to update the 2012 10 Year Medical Research strategy, but there was no clear details on timelines or the methodology to undertake the review.
- (a) Can you specifically advise when the strategy will be reviewed?
- (b) Can you confirm the members of the panel you have tasked with leading this review?

### **Questions to Philip Crawford, Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Casino Commission**

- (29) When/what time did the NICC notify Star it intended to call a second inquiry into The Star?
- (30) When/what time did the NICC notify the government it intended to call a second inquiry into The Star?
- (31) How many times did Mr Crawford meet with the Star's board or with Matt Bekier between June 2016 and 13 September 2021?
- (32) What is Adam Bell, SC, being paid for overseeing the second Star enquiry?
- (33) What special-purpose auditors did the NICC recommend to The Star and did Mr Crawford have any connection to those firms?
- (34) What was Wexted's qualifications to act as Star's monitor? Did Mr Crawford or anyone at NICC have pre-existing connections with Wexted?
- (35) How much is Wexted paid per week? How much is Nick Weeks paid per week as special manager of The Star?
- (36) Did NICC make any inquiries after it was reported that Crown Resorts CEO Ciaran Caruthers was subject to an internal investigation last year?

<b>Questions from Ms Sue Higginson MLC</b>
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## **ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND TREATY**

### **Treaty Consultation Process**

- (37) Can you provide an update and specific timeframes for the Treaty Commission and their schedule of works?
- (38) What is the timeline by which we can expect public information on:

- (a) The panel to select the treaty commissioners?
  - (b) The expression of interest process for the commissioners?
  - (c) The selection of treaty commissioners?
- (39) In estimates last year you referenced the need for the process of “truth-telling” in regard to the Treaty consultation process. What steps have been taken since this time to engage in a process of “truth-telling”?
- (a) What definition of truth-telling are you referring to?
  - (b) Who defines this term?
  - (c) Which stakeholders are guiding this process?
  - (d) What is the timeline and funding for this process?
    - i. Is this included in the initial \$5 million and 12 month consultation commitment?
- (40) Who are the external consultants engaged to progress work on Treaty?
- (a) How many external consultants have been engaged?
  - (b) Can you provide a list of these consultants that have been engaged thus far?
  - (c) Can you provide a list of consultants considered to be engaged in the future?
  - (d) What is the framework you use to decide which groups are engaged?
  - (e) What work have they been engaged to do?
  - (f) What work have they delivered so far?
  - (g) What have they been paid to date?
  - (h) How much of the \$5 million has been allocated to engaging these external consultants?
- (41) Will there be a further commitment for the 2024-2025 budget to extend the funding in order to continue consultation processes?

### **Aboriginal Land Claims**

- (42) How many Aboriginal Land Claims does the Department expect to resolve for the remainder of the 2023-24 Financial Year?
- (a) Of these, how many are Government priorities?



- (b) Of these, how many are Aboriginal Land Council priorities?
- (43) How many Aboriginal Land Claims does the Department expect to grant for the remainder of the 2023-24 Financial Year?
  - (a) Of these, how many are Government priorities?
  - (b) Of these, how many are Aboriginal Land Council priorities?
- (44) The NSW Budget allocates \$366.5 million to fund “housing solutions, restoring land rights, and essential community infrastructure” (Budget Paper No.1, Chapter 5, page 8). Please provide a detailed breakdown of what the \$366.5 million is being spent on?
  - (a) Please provide a detailed breakdown of how much has been spent to date?
- (45) How is the Department tracking its progress for returning land to Aboriginal Land Councils?
  - (a) What targets has the Department set?
  - (b) How have the targets been developed?
    - i. In what capacity have these targets been developed in partnership with Aboriginal Land Council?
    - ii. In what capacity have these targets been developed in line with the Closing the Gap commitments?
  - (c) Is the Department on track to meet these targets?
  - (d) Do these targets address the approximately 38,500 backlog?

### **Aboriginal Land Agreements**

- (46) Following the 2020 Ronalds Report into the Land Negotiation Program, the then Government made commitments to resource and process Aboriginal Land Agreements (ALA's) in a timely manner. Are all Aboriginal Land Agreements negotiated at the time of the Ronalds review resolved?
  - (a) If not, please advise when these ALAs will be approved?
- (47) How many Aboriginal Land Agreements are currently being negotiated?
  - (a) What is the timeline for their completion?
  - (b) What is the median timeline for the processing and resolutions of Aboriginal Land Agreements?

- i. Under the previous government?
  - ii. Under the current Government?
- (c) What are the elements of these negotiations that typically delay resolution of ALAs?

### **Closing the Gap**

- (48) The Productivity Commission's report released earlier this month found that NSW was failing on its Nationally agreed targets to Closing the Gap. What steps have been made to progress towards these goals since the Productivity Commission's report was released?
- (a) Have you engaged in discussions with any key stakeholders in regard to the findings in the report?
    - i. Can you disclose the nature of these discussions?
  - (b) Has your department engaged with other jurisdictions in regard to the targets?
  - (c) What steps were taken in 2023-24 to ensure NSW was on track to meet its agreements?
    - i. In what ways do you determine there has been a failure in these steps?
    - ii. In light of the recent report, have you committed to do anything differently?
- (49) Do you support the recommendations outlined in the Productivity Commission's Review of the National Agreement of Closing the Gap? Please provide a detailed timeline and associated steps for the completion of each of these recommendations:
- (a) Recommendation 1 (Power needs to be shared)?
  - (b) Recommendation 2 (Indigenous Data Sovereignty needs to be recognised and supported)?
  - (c) Recommendation 3 (Mainstream government systems and culture need to be fundamentally rethought)?
  - (d) Recommendation 4 (Stronger accountability is needed to drive behaviour change)?
- (50) During the 2022 Budget process the previous coalition Government committed \$221 million to support the delivery of Closing the Gap initiatives. These commitments funded part of the initiatives outlined in the 22-24 NSW Implementation Plan. What allocation of the upcoming budget has your Government considered for the continued funding of these initiatives?

- (a) Given the recent nature of the Productivity Commission's Report which found NSW was failing to meet each of the nationally agreed targets, what commitments have you made to increase funding and capacity to ensure the Closing the Gap initiatives stay on track?

## **GAMES AND RACING**

### **Cashless gambling trial**

- (51) When the cashless gambling trial was announced it was only meant to involve 500 machines. Now it's expanded to 4,500 machines according to media reports. Given the increase of interest from venues for these machines, why has the Government not rolled out cashless gaming across the industry right now?
- (52) The trial currently involves 24 local government venues. What feedback have you received from these venues?
  - (a) Why has it not been shared publicly?
- (53) Did Clubs NSW insist on a trial?
  - (a) If yes, did it communicate that it was a way of delaying reform?

### **Clubs NSW tax status**

- (54) Has the NSW Government ever looked at the charitable tax status which Clubs NSW operates under in order to see if it is appropriate?
  - (a) Has the NSW Government looked into whether this status is legal?
- (55) In 2015 Clubs NSW dropped a defamation case against then MP Andrew Wilkie after the ABC made public its intention to examine Clubs NSW's federal tax status. In this context do you think Clubs NSW's has anything to hide in regard to its taxation status?
  - (a) Has Clubs NSW's federal tax status ever been examined?
    - i. If so, when?
    - ii. If so, by whom?
  - (b) Can you provide the findings of each report?

<b>Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC</b>
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**GWIC inspectors undertaking investigations and collecting evidence**

- (56) What evidence is there that GWIC Inspectors have sufficient training and experience to undertake investigations and forensic evidence handling procedures in a manner that meets NSW Police standards?
- (a) If this is completion of Certificate or Diploma-level investigations training courses, or equivalent, how does GWIC ensure their inspectors get the hands-on experience in evidence handling that meets the same standards and procedures as NSW Police officers in the Forensic Evidence and Technical Services Command?
  - (b) Do any of the GWIC inspectors involved in the initial investigations of the Trevor Rice case have experience working in a police force within the last 3 years?
  - (c) How many investigations of potential breaches of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 have the GWIC inspectors involved in the Trevor Rice case undertaken?
  - (d) How many of these have resulted in a successful prosecution, not including investigations and determinations of breaches of the Australasian Greyhound Racing Rules or Local Racing Rules?
- (57) How many cases has GWIC referred for investigation to NSW Police, RSPCA or Animal Welfare League in the last 3 years?
- (a) How many of these cases resulted in a conviction?
- (58) In how many criminal investigations has the forensic anthropologist who assessed the skeletal remains in the Trevor Rice case given evidence?
- (a) How many resulted in a conviction?

**GWIC decision making in Trevor Rice case**

- (59) Who at GWIC made the decision for GWIC investigators to undertake initial investigations and evidence handling?
- (60) What experience in leading investigations do they have, not including any investigations of breaches of the Australasian Greyhound Racing Rules or Local Racing Rules?
- (61) Did they, or anyone else at GWIC, consult with NSW Police before commencing the investigation and exhuming the greyhound remains?

- (62) Is the NSW Government conducting a review of this case to ascertain why the case did not proceed to prosecution?
- (a) If not, why not?
- (63) What actions is the NSW Government planning to implement to address any issues that resulted in Mr Rice not being prosecuted?
- (64) Is the NSW Government planning to revise any MoUs, or other arrangements/agreements that may exist between GWIC and NSW Police regarding investigations of animal cruelty cases under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979, to ensure that investigations and evidence handling in such cases is undertaken by NSW Police and not GWIC Inspectors?

### **GWIC Rehoming Policy**

- (65) How will GWIC's rehoming policy, recently updated in May 2023, be enforced in NSW?
- (66) How will the policy be enforced regarding interstate facilities, given the NSW Government has not empowered GWIC to track greyhounds interstate?
- (67) How will the outcomes of enforcement be reported upon? (i.e., quarterly, annually, etc)
- (a) Will this data be made publicly available?
- (68) Does GWIC have memorandums of understanding in place to facilitate information exchange with all known facilities (within NSW and outside NSW) currently in receipt of NSW greyhounds for experimentation and terminal blood donation?
- (69) Since May 2023, how many greyhounds have been rehomed to council pounds with prior approval of the Commission?
- (70) Since May 2023, how many greyhounds did industry participants rehome to council pounds without prior approval of the Commission?
- (71) What percentage of greyhounds rehomed to council pounds without prior approval were allocated a penalty of some kind by GWIC?
- (72) What types of penalty is typically allocated by GWIC for rehoming to council pounds without prior approval?
- (73) Where is this data publicly available?
- (a) If not available, why not?

## **NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice**

- (74) The NSW Government's Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice specifies participants must have a documented plan with exercise, socialisation and enrichment standards for greyhounds. For the calendar year of 2023, and/or for FY 2022–23:
- (a) How many of these plans were checked by GWIC?
  - (b) What percentage of these plans met GWIC requirements?
  - (c) What percentage of these plans failed GWIC requirements?
- (75) Regarding plans that failed GWIC requirements, what percentage received a penalty from GWIC (and where is this data publicly available)?
- (a) If this data is not publicly available, please explain why.

## **Minimum track standards**

- (76) When will all tracks in NSW be fully compliant with the current minimum track standards?
- (a) How many tracks are currently fully compliant with the current minimum track standards?
  - (b) How many tracks are partially compliant with the current minimum track standards?
  - (c) Please provide a list of details of compliance for each track across NSW.
- (77) According to the current minimum standards, GRNSW is required to conduct at a minimum a yearly audit of each venue. How many of these have been completed?
- (a) Please provide specifications for compliance and non-compliance, for each venue.
- (78) Each racing club is required to complete a venue assessment for their venue, and forward it to GRNSW by the end of January each year. How many of these audits has GRNSW completed this year?
- (a) What were the outcomes of these?
- (79) How many audits of tracks has GRNSW completed without notice in the most recent financial year?

## **Greyhound deaths**

- (80) For the calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023, how many greyhounds died or were killed by euthanasia, following an injury at a race meeting in NSW, both:

- (a) at the track, and
- (b) in the days after the injury was sustained?

### **Greyhounds stood down**

- (81) For each greyhound registered in this state, which is listed in a steward's report as having been stood down for 90 days during 2023 and is no longer racing, how many are still alive?
- (a) Of the greyhounds still alive, how many were adopted by an industry participant?
  - (b) Of the greyhounds still alive, how many were adopted by a non-industry participant?
  - (c) How many are no longer alive?
  - (d) Of these, what is the reason recorded for each death?
  - (e) Where is this information held?

### **Surgical artificial insemination (SAI)**

- (82) The UK has banned surgical artificial insemination (SAI) of racing greyhounds. What is the NSW Government's position on banning surgical greyhound AI in this state?

### **Tracks that have received public funds**

- (83) For each track in NSW which has received public funds under the Greyhound Capital Grants Program, please provide:
- (a) data on the injury and death rate at that track prior to receipt of these funds,
  - (b) data on the injury and death rate at that track after receipt of these funds.

### **Greyhounds surrendered to pounds/shelters**

- (84) Given the unprecedented pressure on pounds, shelters and volunteer rescue and rehoming groups, why is the greyhound industry 'exempted' in that with "permission" from GWIC, a participant can surrender a greyhound/s to a pound or shelter, only making a bad situation much worse?
- (85) How many NSW greyhound participants have surrendered greyhounds to NSW pounds or shelters in the most recent financial year?

### **Drink spiking and sexual violence awareness training**

- (86) When will mandatory drink spiking and sexual violence awareness training officially be embedded in RSA training?
- (87) How will Gaming and Liquor NSW track the success and reception of this training within venues?
- (88) When will 100% of bar staff and security guards in NSW venues be fully trained?
- (89) What form will the training take?

### **Ask for Angela campaign review**

- (90) The Minister for Gaming has committed to review the “Ask for Angela” campaign. When will this review commence with input from stakeholders?

### **Medical research**

- (91) How many animals are used each year in the Royal Prince Alfred Surgical and Robotic Training Institute courses and what species are used?
- (92) When will the Institute be transitioning to ethical non-animal methods for training surgical skills?
- (93) Will the Minister be supporting the revision of the NHMRC Code (Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes 2013) and request the National Health and Medical Research Council initiative a review?

### **Aboriginal Affairs - domestic violence**

- (94) What is the NSW Government doing to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children who are experiencing domestic and family violence can access specialist and culturally safe support?
- (95) Considering the impact of domestic and family violence in the Aboriginal community, does the NSW Government intend to fund primary violence prevention initiatives in NSW which align with Changing the picture: A national resource to support the prevention of violence against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their children (Our Watch, 2018)?
  - (a) If not, why not?
- (96) The Aboriginal Women’s Advisory Network was established in 2022 to improve the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children. They are an



integral initiative to support Closing the Gap Target 13, yet the NSW Government has only provided short-term funding which will expire in June 2024. Will the NSW Government commit to ongoing funding for AWAN to continue to advance the rights and interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children?

(a) If not, why not?

### **Greyhound racing questions**

(97) For the years 2022 and 2023 (to date), please advise the number of dogs that died or were killed by euthanasia, following an injury at a race meeting:

(a) at the track, and

(b) in the days after the injury was sustained.

(98) For each greyhound registered, how many were transferred interstate during 2022?

(a) Who was the transferred dog owned by?

(b) Which state/territory did each dog go to?

(c) Who is the dog owned by in the state/territory to which it was transferred?

(d) If the dog is no longer alive, what was the cause of death?

(e) If the cause of death is not known, why is this so?

(f) Where are these records held?

(99) For each greyhound registered, how many were transferred interstate during 2023?

(a) Who was the transferred dog owned by in this state/territory?

(b) Which state/territory did each dog go to?

(c) Who is the dog owned by in the state/territory to which it was transferred?

(d) If the dog is no longer alive, what was the cause of death?

(e) If the cause of death is not known, why is this so?

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(100) How many greyhounds were rehomed in each state/territory during 2022 and 2023?

(a) by GAP?

(b) by community-run rehoming groups?

- (c) to industry participants?
  - (d) by industry participants to third parties?
  - (e) to other organisations (such as labs, research facilities, blood banks, etc.)? And please list these organisations by name
- (101) During 2022 and 2023 (to date), how many greyhounds were:
- (a) Rejected by GAP?
  - (b) Euthanised by GAP?
- (102) As part of the National Greyhound Welfare Strategy (GA), national breeding rules were introduced in July 2015, which have been adopted by all states. These rules include:
- (a) the licensing of all breeders,
  - (b) registration of all dams,
  - (c) breeding females over the age of eight years must obtain a veterinary certificate of breeding soundness, and obtain permission from the relevant authority to breed the dog,
  - (d) a maximum of three litters can be bred from any one bitch and permission to breed a fourth litter must be obtained from the state racing authority. A certificate of breeding soundness must be obtained before the fourth breeding can occur,
  - (e) no breeding females may have more than two litters in any 18 month period,
  - (f) all pups have a compulsory C3 and C5 vaccinations,
  - (g) all dogs must receive C5 vaccination prior to being named or commencing racing.
- (103) Please explain for each of a. through g. above how these rules are enforced in this state. Where the racing industry's local rules impose higher standards, please list the relevant standard and then explain how this is enforced. Please also advise of any breaches detected, what the penalties were and if fines were levied, whether these were paid.
- (104) Will NSW introduce caps on greyhound breeding?
- (a) If so, when?
  - (b) If not, why not?
- (105) As a member of Greyhounds Australasia (GA), did GRNSW support the following initiative listed in Greyhounds Australasia's Strategic Plan 2020-202, p10 - "Agreement of nationally

sustainable quality breeding targets as part of a strategy to manage the national greyhound racing population”.

- (a) If not, why not?
- (106) Why has NSW chosen not to introduce birth to death tracking for racing greyhounds which tracks greyhounds that are transferred interstate, greyhounds retired outside the industry by industry participants and greyhounds dumped at pounds?
- (107) Please advise for 2022 and 2023 (to date) :
- (a) how many dogs were injured in trials,
  - (b) how many injured dogs were then euthanised (either at the track or in the days afterwards).
  - (c) at which tracks these injuries and deaths occurred,
  - (d) the names of the dogs injured or killed.
- (108) What percentage of penalties given by GWIC for infractions by industry participants were for:
- (a) the maximum penalty allowable?
  - (b) drug-related offences?
  - (c) cruelty offences?
  - (d) failing to socialise greyhounds for which they are responsible?
- (109) Please list the greyhound industry injury rebate schemes operating in NSW and advise how many greyhounds with injuries were treated under each of those schemes during 2022?
- (a) What percentage of these then returned to racing?
  - (b) What percentage of these were adopted?
  - (c) What percentage died or were euthanased?
  - (d) What was the total amount paid out under each scheme?
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  - (c) at which tracks these injuries and deaths occurred,
  - (d) the names of the dogs injured or killed.
  - (e) whether such tracks are required to keep records and if so list which rule requires this and provide a URL link to that rule,
  - (f) what kind of vet service each of these tracks has available at meetings (if any),
  - (g) the total figure for how many greyhounds were injured during the last calendar year at these tracks (including a breakdown of injury categories as used in this jurisdiction, e.g., major, minor, etc. Please list a sub-total figure for each injury category used in this jurisdiction, i.e., minor, major, etc). For each major injury, please list the greyhound's name and unique ID number, as well as whether it has raced since the injury,
  - (h) if it is no longer racing, please advise the last time it raced and whether it is still alive.
- (112) Has Greyhound Racing NSW commissioned any polling of the general public or of greyhound racing industry participants?
- (a) If yes, please provide a copy of the polling?
- (113) How much time and resources has the NSW Government used this year to identify an alternative racing track to Wentworth Park track, in light of the lease ending in 2027.
- (114) Regarding the GWIC Race Injury Reduction Action Plan, what are the expected detailed outcomes of the plan?
- (a) How much money is budgeted to implement the plan?
  - (b) What is the progress of the plan and interim outcomes?

- (115) Given there is a shortage of dogs trained to be Post Traumatic Stress Disorder support animals in Australia, why is the Minister supporting the export of retired greyhounds to the USA by GRNSW to support those in need of an assistance dog?
- (116) Given one greyhound has already died during export to the USA to be rehomed there by GRNSW, can the Minister please:
- (a) explain how the greyhound that died was cleared as sufficiently healthy to travel in this way, but then unexpectedly died,
  - (b) explain what were the "natural causes" due to which this ex-racing dog died,
  - (c) explain at what point in the route travelled by this greyhound it was found to have died,
  - (d) release the veterinary report about this greyhound's death, or provide a detailed summary of the necropsy findings
  - (e) explain what action the Minister has taken to ensure that GRNSW's screening process for greyhounds chosen to fly to the USA does not result in further deaths enroute?
  - (f) provide full details of the crate size or sizes used to transport GRNSW's ex-racing dogs to the USA, plus what weight greyhound is transported in each crate size,
  - (g) provide full details of the routes undertaken by greyhounds transported to the USA by GRNSW and what oversight checks occur during transit and upon arrival,
  - (h) advise how many greyhounds have been shipped to the USA by GRNSW to date, how many have survived the journey, how many have died enroute, how many have been rehomed, how many are still waiting to be rehomed and how long each of these has been waiting in kennels, as well as the locations in which each of them is waiting, plus the care received on a daily basis at each location by each dog?
- (117) Which NSW tracks now meet GRNSW's track safety standards and which don't? Is there an independent assessment of the tracks against the safety standards, and if not, why not?
- (118) How much public money in total has been spent on each track under the Greyhound Racing Capital Grants Program?
- (a) Where a track has had funds spent on upgrading the track itself (as opposed to kennelling or attendee amenities), has the injury/death rate at that track declined?

- (b) If the injury/death rate has declined, please provide the pre-upgrade and post-upgrade injury data to support this decline?
- (119) For FY 2021-22 and 2023, which groups/individuals have received funding under GRNSW's Greyhound Rehoming Organisation Grant Scheme, how much has been given to each group, and, what is the total sum paid out under the scheme?
- (120) For FY 2021-22 and 2023 (to date), which groups/individuals have received funding under GRNSW's Homing Assistance Scheme and how much has been given to each group/individual, and, what is the total sum paid out under the scheme?
- (121) For 2022 and 2023 to date, please provide a list of how many cases (and details of these if available) that GRNSW or GWIC have referred/sought further charges by RSPCA (regardless of outcome).
- (122) For 2022 and 2023 to date, please provide a list of cases (and details of those if available) that GRNSW have referred/sought further charges by NSW Police (regardless of outcome).
- (123) Given euthanasia due to behavioural reasons is not permitted under GWIC's Greyhound Rehoming Policy, please advise for FY 2021/22 and FY2022/23:
- (a) how many euthanasias of this type occurred,
  - (b) how many breaches of the policy have occurred,
  - (c) what penalty was allocated in each case,
  - (d) and if a financial penalty was allocated, has it been paid?
- (124) From May 1, 2022, the National and Local Greyhound Racing Rules require all greyhounds to be sterilised prior to being retired as pets (GAR 24, a greyhound that is being retired as a pet must be sterilised prior to leaving the care of the owner or registered person responsible – unless the dog has been accepted into an approved greyhound adoption program). For the last financial year:
- (a) What monitoring and enforcement action has been taken to ensure this occurs?
  - (b) What percentage of registered participants have not complied with this requirement?
  - (c) Has any industry participant been penalised for non-compliance with this requirement?
  - (d) Does NSW provide a subsidy payment towards the cost of sterilisation of retiring greyhounds, if so how much has been paid out?