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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE****Questions on Notice Paper No 37****3 November 2023****Question No. 1491****MS CLAY: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services —**

- 1) How many racing greyhound breeding and/or training facilities are there in the ACT.
- 2) How many racing greyhounds are bred annually in the ACT, in each of the last three years.
- 3) For each of the last three years, (a) how are these facilities monitored for welfare purposes by Domestic Animal Services, (b) what have been the findings, (c) were there any infractions detected; if so, what penalties were allocated, (d) if financial penalties were allocated, were the fines successfully collected and (e) where is the resulting data published.
- 4) What is the process for registering the number of greyhound pups born annually in the ACT, and where is the resulting data published.
- 5) How many times can the same greyhound be used for whelping in the ACT, and (a) at what age does this cease, (b) how is this monitored and enforced and (c) where is the resulting data published.
- 6) How many licences are held in the ACT for the purpose of (a) breeding racing greyhounds, (b) training greyhounds, (c) breeding and training of racing greyhounds, ie, licences that allow both activities and (d) where is the resulting data published.

**MR STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:**

- 1) There are no breeding licences issued for racing greyhounds (and non-racing greyhounds) in the ACT. There are no known training facilities for racing greyhounds in the ACT.
- 2) There are no known racing greyhounds being bred within the ACT for the last three years.
- 3) There are no known facilities breeding racing greyhounds in the ACT for the last three years.
- 4) Unlike other dog breeds in the ACT, a racing greyhound's registration only remains in force for 12 months. Under section 39G of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*, the day-to-day controller of a racing greyhound must also hold a greyhound controller licence.

- 5) Section 15B (1) of the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*, determines the breeding standards for all dogs and cats. Dogs can only be bred between the age of 18 months and 6 years, have no more than four litters in their lifetime and have at least 18 months between each litter. Prior to obtaining a breeding licence, the register must consider a number of factors as prescribed under section 72B of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*. Such factors include, number of animals, suitability of facilities, safety to public, potential impact to neighbours, and the size and nature of the premises. A licence is only valid for two years once issued. Under section 72M of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*, if there was a breeder of greyhounds in the ACT, they must inform Domestic Animal Services within seven days of the puppies being bred, the number of puppies and the sex of each puppy.
- 6) There are no licences held in the ACT for breeding racing greyhounds and/or training racing greyhounds.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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