

RACING AND GAMING — GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY

3457. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

- (1) Since 2012, how many injuries to greyhounds have resulted in euthanasia at the track or subsequent to a race?
- (2) On average, since 2012, what percentage of retired greyhounds are:
  - (a) re-homed by the Western Australian Racing Association;
  - (b) re-homed by other organisations; and
  - (c) euthanised?

**Hon Col Holt replied:**

As the WA Racing Data Base has only been maintained by Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWVA) since 1 August 2013, RWVA cannot access reliable information prior to that date from the National Data Repository.

- (1) From 1 August 2013 to 31 July 2015 67 greyhounds out of 55 341 starters.
- (2)
  - (a) 12.5 per cent are rehomed through the Greyhounds As Pets (GAP) Program run by RWVA. This program was formerly run by the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association.
  - (b) 13.4 per cent rehomed and 26.4 per cent retired as pets directly by owners/trainers or to third parties, or retained for breeding.
  - (c) 43.5 per cent euthanised due, for example, to injury/illness or not suitable for rehoming, and 4.2 per cent died of natural causes.