

GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY — LIVE BAITING

1218. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

- (1) Will the minister please table the full report on the investigation undertaken by Racing and Wagering WA into the use of live baiting by the greyhound industry in WA?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Is the minister satisfied that the WA greyhound industry is operating legally and ethically within community expectations for the highest animal welfare standards?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Racing and Wagering Western Australia, prior to the *Four Corners* program into live baiting, undertook regular surveillance and investigations to ensure animal welfare and rules of racing were being adhered to. Following the program, RWWA increased its surveillance and investigations, which evidenced, together with the RSPCA's offer of a reward, that live baiting is not undertaken in Western Australia. There is not a formal report that documents these processes.
- (2) There is no report.
- (3) I receive regular briefings from the governing body for racing in WA, RWWA, in which it confirms its commitment to animal welfare.