

#### THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT

#### INTERIM REPORT

# SELECT COMMITTEE INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC) — EXTENSION OF TIME

Presented by Hon Rick Mazza MLC (Chair)

March 2016

### SELECT COMMITTEE INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)

#### **Date first appointed:**

13 May 2015

#### **Terms of Reference:**

On 13 May 2015, the Legislative Council ordered that —

- (1) The Council establishes a select committee to inquire into the operations of the Western Australian Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, including an examination of—
  - (a) its funding from the government;
  - (b) its objectives; and
  - (c) the use of its powers
- (2) The membership of the select committee is to be five members, and to include the Member from the Shooters and Fishers Party.
- (3) The member from the Shooters and Fishers Party shall be the chair.
- (4) The select committee is to report to the Council by no later than Thursday, 3 December 2015.

On 14 May 2015, the Legislative Council ordered the membership of the select committee.

#### Members of the select committee:

Hon Rick Mazza MLC (Chair) Hon Paul Brown MLC (Deputy Chair)

Hon Nigel Hallett MLC Hon Sally Talbot MLC

Hon Lynn MacLaren MLC

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- On 13 May 2015, the Legislative Council ordered that a select committee be established to inquire into the operations of the Western Australian Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, including an examination of
  - (a) its funding from the government;
  - (b) its objectives; and
  - (c) the use of its powers.
- The Committee was ordered to report to the Legislative Council by no later than Thursday, 3 December 2015. On 15 October 2015 the Committee was granted leave by the Legislative Council to extend the date by which the Committee is to report on the Inquiry from 3 December 2015 to 6 April 2016.
- The Committee has sought and received submissions and further evidence, and conducted a number of hearings throughout the Inquiry. Written evidence was received as late as this week. The Committee has held frequent meetings to progress the Inquiry and its consideration of the draft report.
- A short further extension is requested to enable the Committee to consider relevant matters, to comply with the Legislative Council Standing Orders and principles of natural justice prior to tabling its report, and to properly discharge its reporting obligations to the Legislative Council.
- The Committee therefore requests an extension of time in which to report from 6 April 2016 to no later than Thursday, 19 May 2016.

Hon Rick Mazza MLC Chair

23 March 2016