

GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY

758. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

- (1) Would the minister please table details of funding from Racing and Wagering Western Australia and expenditure by the Greyhounds as Pets program in each of the following financial years —
 - (a) 2015–2016; and
 - (b) 2014–2015?
- (2) Can the minister confirm that the Cannington greyhound track was closed for track repairs due to welfare concerns; and, if not, what are the specific reasons for its closure?
- (3) What is the estimated time frame and costs of track work at the Cannington greyhound track?
- (4) Are any taxpayer funds being used to repair the track, or is this repair funded by the proceeds of gambling?
- (5) What are the circumstances of the resignation of the chief executive officer of Greyhounds WA, David Hobbs?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)
 - (a) It was \$425 947; and
 - (b) it was \$118 769.
- (2) I can confirm that the Cannington greyhound track closed for track repairs because Racing and Wagering Western Australia stewards considered the track unsuitable for racing due to unacceptable levels of sand “kick back” into the faces and eyes of greyhounds.
- (3) Track work was estimated to cost \$50 000. Trials are scheduled for Thursday, 25 August 2016.
- (4) Track work was funded by Racing and Wagering Western Australia.
- (5) Mr David Hobbs tendered his resignation as chief executive officer and it was accepted by the board of the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association.