

GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY — LIVE BAITING

78. Hon DARREN WEST to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I refer to recent media reports of live baiting of greyhounds by trainers in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

- (1) How many government inspections of Western Australian trainers' properties and facilities have been undertaken in 2013, 2014 and 2015 to date?
- (2) How many complaints about live baiting have been received by the government and what were the outcomes of the resultant investigations in 2013, 2014 and 2015 to date?
- (3) How many government inspections of Western Australian trainers' properties and facilities have taken place since Monday, 16 February 2015?
- (4) Have any of the 24 people suspended in other states trained or raced greyhounds in WA; and, if so, what are their names and the names of the greyhounds trained or raced?
- (5) Will the minister undertake to have a full investigation of the local industry to determine whether any live baiting practices are occurring in WA; and, if not, why not?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1)–(4) I ask the member to please place these parts of the question on notice, as the required information is not available in the given time frame.
- (5) Investigations of the Western Australian greyhound industry continue to be a priority of Racing and Wagering Western Australia, the industry's governing body. There have been no findings to date by RWWA of any misconduct or irregularities.