

RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA — GREYHOUND PUPPY FARMING

26. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Leader of the House representing Minister for Racing and Gaming:

Thank you, Mr President. I am sure that in due course the opposition will figure out how to be the opposition.

Hon Liz Behjat: You're putting it on the record that you're the government, are you?

Hon LYNN MacLAREN: I know how to be the opposition, let me put it that way. I am available for training soon!

- (1) Given the government is opposed to puppy farming, what action will it take in the current practice of puppy farming for the purposes of greyhound racing?
- (2) If the government is not going to ban puppy farming of greyhounds, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Racing and Wagering Western Australia controls the issuing of licences to breed greyhound pups and is responsible for enforcing policies for breeding greyhounds. These policies cover several restrictions to prevent irresponsible breeding, including restricting female greyhounds to a limit of three litters. Licences can be withdrawn at any time by Racing and Wagering Western Australia for failure to adhere to industry standards and policies.
- (2) This is not applicable to the greyhound racing industry.