

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO BE SUPPLIED AT THE RACING PORTFOLIO 2018-19 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS

Q1. With regards to the grants that are paid out of the Victorian Racing Industry Fund:

a) Is there a list of all the grants that have been provided, in the last two years?

Victorian Racing Industry Fund (VRIF) grant approvals for the Raceday Attraction Program and Racing Infrastructure are listed on the Department of Justice and Regulation website at:

<http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/utility/grants/victorian+racing+industry+fund+racing+infrastructure+projects>

<http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/utility/grants/victorian+racing+industry+fund+raceday+attraction+program+projects>

b) What percentage of those grants are focused on animal welfare?

The information below pertains to financial years 2016-17 and 2017-18 (as at 31 May 2018).

VRIF funding of \$1,580,639 has been provided to Greyhound Racing Victoria for 13 projects, of which five projects with a total value of \$424,754 have had a focus on animal welfare (26.87% of total VRIF funds to GRV).

These have included:

- Funding for the GRV GAP facility at Baxter (\$19,497)
- GAP Café West Melbourne (\$132,911)
- installation of CCTV cameras in kennel blocks (\$89,692)
- Installation of CCTV cameras in catching pens (\$58,342)
- car park shade sails (\$124,312)

Q2. With reference to the statement by the Minister that the economic value of racing to regional Victoria is more than \$100 million:

a) Please provide the source of the figure.

b) If the figure is part of a report, please provide a copy of the report to the Committee.

In relation to the reference to the economic value of greyhound racing to regional Victoria, an economic study was commissioned by Greyhound Racing Victoria and undertaken by IER. It identified that, in 2015-16, the total economic impact from Victorian greyhound racing was \$408.6 million. Of this, \$110.96 million was generated in regional Victoria.

Overall, more than 15,000 Victorians are directly involved in the greyhound racing industry, including employees, trainers, breeders, owners and volunteers.

The report is available on the GRV website at: <http://www.grv.org.au/vgri>.

A report identifying the economic value of the three racing codes was undertaken by IER in 2013. It identified that the racing industry in Victoria is responsible for generating \$2.8 billion in real gross value-added to the Victorian economy.

The report is available on the RV website at: <https://rv.racing.com/about/the-industry>.