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Dear Ms Hesford

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON GREYHOUND RACING IN TASMANIA

In response to your email of 3 July 2015, please find attached the approved minutes of the last meetings of the Greyhound Reference Group on 13 March 2015 and 28 November 2014. Please note the group did meet on 12 June 2015 however these minutes are still being prepared and will not be ratified by the group until its next meeting which is scheduled on 11 September 2015.

In addition, the committee asked about several other items to which I can provide additional information which I did not have at hand during the hearing:

1. Kennel size and exercise requirements

The committee identified that the Animal Welfare Manual in Appendix G did not specify minimum measurements for kennel sizes or exercise times. I referred the committee to supporting documents and quoted some data from those supporting documents.

The document I referred to is entitled the *"Recommended Standards for the Care of Greyhounds"* and it is referred to on Page 16 of Appendix G.

I attach a copy of the standards for the committee's information and would refer them to pages 14 (which specifies minimum kennel size) and page 9 (which identifies that greyhounds should be exercised twice daily, for at least ten minutes).

This document can be found online at the following link: http://tasracing.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/12907777_45recommendedstandardsfor.pdf.

2. CCTV monitoring cameras *"in and around the greyhound preparation area"* at Elwick

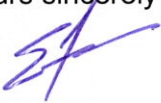
The committee inquired whether any CCTV cameras were recently installed at Elwick *"in and around the greyhound preparation area"*.

I can confirm that at Elwick there is video surveillance of the *kennel bay area* with vision recorded onto a machine in a secured area which can be reviewed by the Stewards as required. This vision is also broadcast in real time to a monitor under the scrutiny of the club officials responsible for the kennel area (kennel stewards). This equipment has been in place for many years.

There is no video surveillance of the "*preparation area*" of the kennels, but this is a high traffic area where the club officials (the kennel stewards) are stationed and in addition, usually has a steward from Racing Services Tasmania present at most times.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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