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Dear Mr Wood

*Simon*

Thank you for your constituent question asked in Parliament on 7 August on behalf of a constituent as follows:

*My question is in relation to the current standards of care within the racing industry, on behalf of my electorate of Bass. As a result of the media attention our government's recent reforms to the racing regulations attracted, there are many in the community calling for detail on how the government is addressing equine and greyhound standards of care in the industry. Can the minister please provide an update on this important method?*

The *Racing Regulation and Integrity Bill* introduced by the Government and now passed by both Houses of Parliament will provide the Tasmanian racing industry with a modern, effective, and fit-for-purpose model for regulation, integrity and animal welfare.

While the principal legislation for animal welfare is the *Animal Welfare Act 1993*, these reforms support and strengthen regulation and oversight of animal welfare in equine and greyhound racing. The Bill establishes a Commissioner with the power to set Integrity and Animal Welfare Standards, including the power to set standards relating to animal testing, care, and traceability.

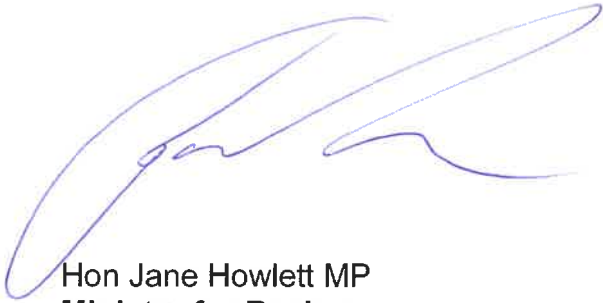
As part of its 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania, the Government will implement an enforceable Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice, containing important provisions in respect of minimum standards for the care, housing and health of dogs in the industry.

The Government has also committed to the establishment of an Equine Code of Practice for the care of thoroughbred and harness racehorses to be enforced under the Rules of Racing. This enforceable code of practice is also part of the

Government's commitment to deliver on all the recommendations of the Murrin Review.

Thank you for raising this question on this important matter. I trust that the information I have provided addresses the question from your constituent.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jane Howlett', written in a cursive style.

Hon Jane Howlett MP  
**Minister for Racing**