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Dear Mr Barnier

### ***QoN GAB Harness Racing Short Inquiry***

I refer to your email of 24 March 2025 seeking additional information taken on notice following Tasracing's appearance before the Harness Racing hearing on 17 February 2025.

Please see below:

#### **Did Tasracing raise concerns about the performance of the Office of Racing Integrity over the course of the last two years? (Mr Winter)**

- Jan 24 COO to DOR Yole's Workers Compensation
- Feb 24 (multiple emails) COO to DOR re workers compensation agreement with third party agreement with labour hire company ceasing
- March 2024 COO to DOR requesting status on Yole's W/C arrangements
- March 2024 (multiple) COO to DOR re Yole's arrival time for race meetings
- March 2024 COO to DOR re approval to allow Mr W Yole to train from Valley Road Sidmouth and w/c arrangements
- March 2024 COO to DOR re transportation of horses by Yole Racing
- March 2024 COO to DOR re Yole Warning Off Notices
- July 2024 COO to DOR concerns re arrival time on course of Yole Racing

#### **When were consultants engaged to commence? (Ms Johnston)**

Sentry was engaged in May 2024 for a safety audit

**Provide draft fatigue management policy for participants (Ms Johnston)**

Sentry Safety were engaged in November 2024 specifically to assess Tasracing's Fatigue Management Policy as a priority. A report is now in receipt and Tasracing is developing a Guidance Note (or similar) to be distributed to participants in approximately 4-6 weeks

**What are the current restrictions on Nathan Ford's participation in Tasmanian racing? (Mr Winter)**

Nil

**How long does the notice of exclusion go for? (Mr Winter)**

Entry to venues controlled by Tasracing was refused to these participants from 19 December 2024 until 18 January 2025 (inclusive).

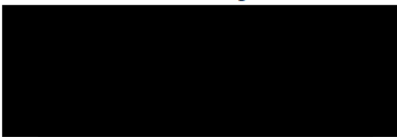
**How many horses are born into the Tasmanian harness racing industry each year? (Ms Rosol)**

250 (since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 to now)

**On average, how many horses would arrive from interstate to race in Tasmania each year? (Ms Rosol)**

4 over the same period

Yours sincerely



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