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Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition
Parliament House
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Dear Chair,

Public Questions on Notice

I am writing to respond to the Public Questions on Notice raised in your letter dated 14 October 2026. Please find my responses below:

Q1. Please provide the Committee with contemporary injury and euthanasia rates in the greyhound racing industry.

Tasracing provides the injury and euthanasia rates in the greyhound racing industry to my office on a quarterly basis.

Each of these reports can be found here.

For completeness, the following reports are also attached:

- Tasracing Integrity Unit, Greyhound Breeding, Racing Injury and Retirement, Quarterly Report – July to September 2026
- Tasracing Integrity Unit, Greyhound Breeding, Racing Injury and Retirement, Quarterly Report – April to June 2026

Since the publication of the latest quarterly report, my office has been advised of two greyhounds that have been euthanised as a result of injuries sustained in the course of a race in October 2026.

Q2. How many complaints has the Office of the Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner received across the greyhound, thoroughbred and harness racing codes? Please provide in financial year, or racing year or however else is most appropriate.

Please see below statistics on the number of complaints received by my office across each of the racing codes for each financial year:

	Total	Greyhound	Thoroughbred	Harness

FY 2024 – 2025 **(from 1 Feb 2025)**	55	8	15	24
FY 2025 – 2026	157	17	36	15

Please note that a complaint may be recorded across multiple codes and categories depending on the subject matter.

Yours sincerely,



Sean Carroll
Tasmanian Racing Integrity Commissioner

Integrity Unit

Greyhound Breeding, Racing Injury and Retirement

Quarterly Report

July to September 2026



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1. Overview

The data contained in this report is derived from the *OzChase* system, on- track veterinarian and race-day stewards' reports. Information is the property of Tasracing and the Tasracing Integrity Unit (TIU) and is relevant to Tasmanian greyhound racing activities.

The following information is provided as a routine disclosure:

1.1 Statistics relating to greyhound pups whelped and named as reported by owners and recorded by the TIU.

1.2 Statistics relating to injuries sustained by racing greyhounds at race meetings conducted in Tasmania during the reporting period. Race-related injury data is sourced from on-track veterinarians', stewards' reports and OzChase system reports.

1.3 Statistics relating to the death or euthanasia of racing greyhounds as a result of injuries sustained at race meetings conducted in Tasmania during the reporting period. This includes greyhounds that were injured during a race, received treatment and/or assessment off-site, and were subsequently euthanised within 14 days of the date of injury.

1.4 Statistics relating to greyhound retirement notifications, including notifications of death, as reported by greyhound owners to the TIU and recorded in Ozchase as at the reporting date.

2. Greyhound pups born (whelped) and named from July to September 2026

During the period July to September 2026, 17 greyhound pups were whelped (born) (Table 1), and 39 greyhounds were named (Table 2) in Tasmania.

Greyhounds are generally named for racing between 12 and 18 months of age. As a result, there is typically a time delay between the whelping of a greyhound and its subsequent naming for racing. Consequently, the number of greyhounds whelped during a reporting period will not necessarily correspond to the number of greyhounds named during the same period.

Table 1. Greyhound pups born (whelped) July to September 2026.

Greyhounds Whelped	
Month	Number
July 2026	0
August 2026	7
September 2026	10
Quarter Total	17

Table 2. Greyhounds Named July to September 2026

Greyhounds Named	
Month	Number
July 2026	18
August 2026	10
September 2026	11
Quarter Total	39

3. Injury Categories

3.1 Injury Severity Classification

Greyhounds injured or involved in incidents at Tasmanian race meetings are examined by on-track veterinarians. These incidents and actions are reported to the TIU and included in the stewards' reports for each race meeting.

Injuries vary from very minor incidents with no treatment or incapacitation (stand down) period required to severe injuries that result in the death or required euthanasia of a greyhound. Mandatory stand down periods allow for injury recovery before a greyhound is permitted to race again.

4. Total reported injuries to racing greyhounds from July to September 2026

Injury rates are standardised as injuries per 1,000 starts. Every greyhound is counted each time it races in the reporting period to standardise injuries per 1,000 starts. During the period July to September 2026, there were 39 greyhound race meetings held at Tasmanian venues. At these race meetings, there were a total of 2743 starters.

Tasracing Integrity Unit have adopted a national agreed convention for classifying race injuries into categories by incapacitation periods as detailed in the table below.

Injury Category	Incapacitation Period
Category A	Injury so minor that no stand-down period is required
Category B	1 to 10 day stand-down period
Category C	11 to 27 day stand-down period
Category D	28 to 90 day stand-down period
Category E	Euthanasia and sudden Death, also known as race fatalities

This convention includes an additional classification of total racing injuries into serious and non-serious categories.

Gategory F (Serious Injuries) includes all fatalities (Category E) as well as a subset of Category D injuries that meet specific criteria including fractures, dislocations, joint or kin injuries where the stand down peris is 60+ days or soft tissue injuries where the stand down period is 90+ days.

Category G (Non-serious injuries) includes all injuries in Categories A to C plus those Category D injuries that do not meet the serious injury criteria.

Table 3. Total greyhound racing injuries as reported at Tasmanian race meetings from July to September 2026

Total Greyhound Injuries at Tasmanian Race Meetings July to September 2026				
Injury Category	Stand-down period (days)	Number of Injuries	Proportion of total injuries	Injuries per 1,000 Starters (2743 for period)
Cat A	None	9	15%	3.28
Cat B	3 to 10	31	53%	11.30
Cat C	11 to 27	8	14%	2.92
Cat D	28 to 90	11	19%	4.01
Cat E	Euthanised / Died	0	0%	0.00
Total Injuries		59	1.00	21.51

Serious and non-serious Injuries at Tasmanian Race Meetings July to September 2026			
Injury Category	No of Injuries	Proportion of total injures	Incidents per 1,000 Starters (2743 for period)
Cat F	5	8.47%	0.03
Cat G	54	91.53%	0.33

An additional 1 Greyhound(s) was euthanised (or died) within seven days of sustaining an injury in a Tasmanian race."

5. Reported greyhound racing-related deaths from July to September 2026

Racing fatalities are defined as deaths that occur because of injuries and/or incidents during or immediately following a race (on track). These include injuries that resulted in the euthanasia of greyhounds at a race meeting. The data does not include euthanasia that August occur subsequent to race meetings when further diagnostic advice or treatment is sought.

Table 4. Greyhound euthanised at Tasmanian racetracks from July to September 2026.

Injuries are as described in the on-track veterinarians' and/or stewards' reports.

Greyhound Euthanised at Tasmania Racetracks July to September 2026	
Injury	Count
NIL	0

6. Reported injuries by racetrack.

Table 5. Number of greyhound race starts and all injuries at Tasmanian tracks from July to September 2026

Track	Track Surface	Starters	Total Injury Incidents	Total Injury Incidents per 1,000 Starters	Deceased / Euthanised	Deceased / Euthanised per 1,000 Starters
Launceston	Sand	767	13	16.95	0	0.00
Hobart	Sand	919	23	25.03	0	0.00
NW @ Hobart	Sand	1057	23	21.76	0	0.00
Total – All Tracks		**2743**	**59**	**21.51**	**0**	**0.00**

7. Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanised during July to September 2026

Greyhounds that are retired from racing, rehomed, or euthanised are recorded in the OzChase database. These notifications are self-reported by owners to the TIU. The last registered owner of the greyhound must submit a notification of retirement, death or euthanasia as specified by Greyhounds Australasia Rule 22.

Caveats

- Reports of retirements from *OzChase* may may vary over time for the same data set due to late lodgement of retirement notifications.
- Data for greyhounds retired to adoption programs other than GAP are currently not available unless provided by owners in the greyhound's retirement notification.

Table 6. Greyhound mortality notifications from July to September 2026 including data contained in Table 5, as reported to the TIU by owners. The data in this section is categorised based on the information provided to the TIU by participants.

Category	Jul - 2026	Aug -2026	Sept 2026	Total	%
Deceased accidental causes	0	0	0	**0**	0%
Deceased illness or age	0	2	0	**2**	29%
Deceased natural causes	0	0	0	**0**	0%
Deceased – track injury *	0	0	0	**0**	0%
Deceased within 14 days after track injury	0	0	0	**0**	0%
Euthanised at track due to injury	0	0	0	**0**	0%
Euthanised due to illness or age	1	2	1	**4**	57%
Euthanised due to injury**	0	0	1	**1**	14%
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	0	0	0	**0**	0%
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming	0	0	0	**0**	0%
Total deceased or euthanized	**1**	**4**	**2**	**7**	**100%**

Table 7. Greyhound retirement notifications from July to September 2026 as reported to the TIU by owners.

Category	Apr-25	August-25	Jun-25	Total	%
Retired for breeding	0	0	0	**0**	0%
Retired to owner	0	1	2	**3**	5%
Retired to trainer	0	0	1	**1**	2%
Retired as a pet to a third party	6	4	7	**17**	27%
Retired to Tasracing GAP	14	11	12	**37**	59%
Retired to other adoption program	2	0	2	**4**	6%
Surrendered to other agency	0	0	0	**0**	0%
Other	1	0	0	**1**	2%
Total retired	**23**	**16**	**24**	**63**	**100**

Integrity Unit

Greyhound Breeding, Racing Injury and Retirement

Quarterly Report

April to June 2026

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1.2 Statistics on injuries occurring to racing greyhounds at race meetings held in Tasmania during the reporting period. The race-related injury data are sourced from on-track veterinarians' and stewards' reports, and OzChase system reports.

1.3 Statistics on death/euthanasia of racing greyhounds because of injuries received at race meetings held in Tasmania during the reporting period. This includes greyhounds injured in races, who received off-site treatment and assessment but were subsequently euthanised within a 14-day period from the date of injury. The data is sourced from on-track veterinarians' and stewards' reports, and OzChase system reports.

1.4 Greyhound retirement notifications (including deaths) as reported by greyhound owners to the TIU and held in OzChase as at reporting date.

2. Greyhound pups born (whelped) and named from April to June 2026

During the period April to June 2026, there were 65 greyhound pups born (whelped) (Table 1) and 37 greyhounds named (Table 2) in Tasmania. Greyhounds are generally named for racing between 12 and 18 months of age, creating a delay between whelping and naming.

Table 1. Greyhound pups born (whelped) April to June 2026.

Greyhounds Whelped	
Month	Number
April 2026	17
May 2026	29
June 2026	19
Quarter Total	65

Table 2. Greyhounds Named April to June 2026

Greyhounds Named	
Month	Number
April 2026	14
May 2026	21
June 2026	2
Quarter Total	37

3. Injury Categories

3.1 Injury Severity Classification

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4. Total reported injuries to racing greyhounds from April to June 2026

Injury rates are standardised as injuries per 1,000 starts. Every greyhound is counted each time it races in the reporting period to standardise injuries per 1,000 starts. During the period April to June 2026, there were 39 greyhound race meetings held at Tasmanian venues. At these race meetings, there were a total of 2928 starters.

Caveat: Injury report figures provided in the April – June 2023 report were based on a percentage formula. In this report and all reports to follow, these will be based on incidents per 1,000 starters formula.

Table 3. Total greyhound racing injuries as reported at Tasmanian race meetings from April to June 2026

Total Greyhound Injuries at Tasmanian Race Meetings April to June 2026			
Injury Category	Incapacitation Period	Number of Incidents	Incidents per 1,000 Starters (1927 for period)
Category A (G)	Nil	0	0.00
Category B (G)	1 to 10 days	33	11.16
Category C (G)	11 to 21 days	9	3.04
Category D (G)	22 to 28 days	3	1.01
Category D (F)	29 days & over	6	2.03
Category E (F)	Deceased or Euthanised	0	0.00
Total Injuries		**51**	**17.24**

5. Reported greyhound racing-related deaths from April to June 2026

Racing fatalities are defined as deaths that occur because of injuries and/or incidents during or immediately following a race (on track). These include injuries that resulted in the euthanasia of greyhounds at a race meeting. The data does not include euthanasia that may occur subsequent to race meetings when further diagnostic advice or treatment is sought.

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Injuries are as described in the on-track veterinarians' and/or stewards' reports.

Greyhound Euthanised at Tasmania Racetracks April to June 2026	
Injury	Count
0	0

6. Reported injuries by racetrack.

Table 5. Number of greyhound race starts and all injuries at Tasmanian tracks from April to June 2026

Track	Track Surface	Starters	Total Injury Incidents	Total Injury Incidents per 1,000 Starters	Deceased / Euthanised	Deceased / Euthanised per 1,000 Starters
Launceston	Sand	952	22	23.11	0	0.00
Hobart	Sand	934	10	10.71	0	0.00
NW @ Launceston	Sand	384	7	18.23	0	0.00
NW @ Hobart	Sand	658	12	18.24	0	0.00
Total – All Tracks		**2928**	**51**	**17.57**	**0**	**0.00**

7. Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanised during April to June 2026

Greyhounds that are retired from racing, rehomed, or euthanised are recorded in the OzChase database. These notifications are self-reported by owners to the TIU. The last registered owner of the greyhound must submit a notification of retirement, death or euthanasia as specified by Greyhounds Australasia Rule 22.

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Table 6. Greyhound mortality notifications from April to June 2026 including data contained in Table 5, as reported to the TIU by owners. The data in this section is categorised based on the information provided to the TIU by participants.

Category	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	Total	%
Deceased accidental causes	0	0	2	2	12
Deceased illness or age	2	2	0	4	24
Deceased natural causes	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased – track injury	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased within 14 days after track injury	0	0	0	0	0
Euthanised at track due to injury	0	0	0	0	0
Euthanised due to illness or age	1	1	3	5	29
Euthanised due to injury	1	1	0	2	12
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	0	0	0	0	0
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming	0	0	4	4	24
Total deceased or euthanized	4	4	9	17	100

Table 7. Greyhound retirement notifications from April to June 2026 as reported to the TIU by owners.

Category	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total	%
Retired for breeding	0	0	0	0	0.00
Retired to owner	4	5	0	9	21.00
Retired to trainer	0	0	0	0	0.00
Retired as a pet to a third party	3	4	3	9	21.00
Retired to Tasracing GAP	10	4	6	20	47
Retired to other adoption program	2	0	1	3	7
Surrendered to other agency	0	0	0	0	0.00
Other	2	0	0	2	5
Total retired	**21**	**13**	**9**	**43**	**100**