

Communique - Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group

The communique of the Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group meeting held on 4 March 2026 noted that the next meeting of the Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group was scheduled for 1 April 2026.

This meeting was cancelled and re-scheduled to 23 April 2026.

This communique highlights the key discussions and considerations from the Greyhound Racing Transition Working Group meeting held on 23 April 2026:

Summary of matters discussed:

1. Update on Legislation

The Commissioner appeared before the Legislative Council.

It was noted that the Bill had been deferred until the next sitting date.

2. Greyhounds Tasmania

It was noted that Mr Luke Gatehouse, Greyhounds Tasmania declined this meeting.

It was noted that Greyhounds Tasmania have requested two members attend meetings of the Working Group as observers. The Working Group provided feedback that they are supportive of two members from the greyhound industry joining the Working Group as full members (ie rather than as observers), under the same application and appointment processes that are in place and subject to the terms of reference and instrument of appointment.

3. Audit updates

Tasracing provided an update on audit and confirmed that the second audit had been complete. The numbers remain similar to the first audit, noting Tasracing had undertaken significant work to correct records. Tasracing is confident 96.2% of records are correct.

4. Breeding

Tasracing advised that breeding activities have greatly increased and that January was one of the highest months for whelping.

Importation of greyhounds and this data was also discussed.

It was noted that the issue of traceability has been a concern for some time across all three racing codes, and the audit process has ensured a greater level of accountability by Tasracing on traceability of greyhounds. Whilst not finalised, there is now a model moving forward that can be taken across into the equine codes, and so we can look forward to, having greater accountability and traceability of the animals that are taking part in racing in Tasmania.

5. Budget

The Government's \$4.8m compensation as part of the transition was discussed. It was noted that this amount, includes costs of the transition, and Working Group.

The Commissioner advised that the Working Group will need to turn its mind to a potential model and that he is contemplating a tiered approach, based on dependency.

6. Rehoming

The Commissioner raised the issue of rehoming and requested that the Working Group consider what a potential model may look like.

Existing programs and their limitations were discussed.

7. Transition Plan

The Working Group was requested to provide input various areas of a transition plan.

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on 13 May 2026.

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