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Dear Mr Blunt

I refer to the Second Report of the Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in New South Wales, tabled on 16 October 2014.

The NSW Government notes the Committee's recommendations, along with the dissenting statement by the Committee's Deputy Chair, Dr John Kaye MLC. The following response is provided in regard to the recommendations made by the Committee in its report.

The Government is examining a range of potential options to identify a sustainable funding model to secure the future viability of the NSW racing industry as a whole. While consideration of this matter is ongoing, an adjustment to wagering taxation rates, including potential harmonisation with other jurisdictions, remains under deliberation, and will be considered in the context of the budget process.

The Committee will appreciate that, since it has reported, there have been major developments concerning the greyhound racing industry in this and other States.

A Special Commission of Inquiry led by former High Court Justice Michael McHugh QC AC has been established by the Government to identify issues in relation to governance, integrity and animal welfare standards in the greyhound racing industry in NSW. The Inquiry has extensive terms of reference which include providing findings and recommendations to the Government about the future of the sport in NSW. I have enclosed a copy of the terms of reference for the information of the Committee.

Commissioner McHugh's final findings and recommendations are to be provided to the Government by 30 September 2015. Those findings and recommendations may impact upon any proposals for the future funding arrangements for the industry.

The Inquiry report, together with the findings and recommendations of the Select Committee, will assist the Government's consideration of potential future governance, oversight and funding arrangements for the industry.

Yours sincerely



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