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QON No. 30

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES
JO CLAY MLA (CHAIR), SUZANNE ORR MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), MARK PARTON MLA

Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Nicole Lawder:

In relation to: Sexually Entire Permits

- 1) How many dogs in the ACT were registered as show dogs in 2020?
- 2) What evidence is there, if any, to suggest that the sexually entire animal permits effects the overall number of unwanted dogs in the ACT?
- 3) What is to stop dog owners registering their dogs in Queanbeyan to avoid de-sexing them or paying for a sexually entire animal permit? (A sexually entire animal permit cost \$424 in 2020).

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- 1) Domestic Animal Services (DAS) does not keep statistics on dogs that are registered as show dogs in the ACT. This information may be held by Australian National Kennel Council or its affiliate Dogs ACT.
- 2) The sexually entire permit system was introduced as part of the original *Domestic Animals Act* in 2000 and as such DAS does not have comparative data on the effects of the permit system on the number of unwanted dogs in the ACT. The sexually entire permit system is a key component in supporting high animal welfare standards and best-practice domestic animal management in the ACT by encouraging responsible dog breeding and incentivising de-sexing.
- 3) Dogs registered in Queanbeyan are registered in NSW and are not covered by ACT Legislation. Any dog that has resided in the ACT for 28 days or more must be registered in the ACT.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport, and City Services

Signature:

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Date:

15/7/21

By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Chris Steel MLA