

Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings.

Portfolio:	Racing
Witness:	The Hon Martin Pakula
Committee Member:	Mr Danny O'Brien
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Mr D O BRIEN: Okay. Well, again, you said that all codes were reducing it, and they clearly did not in that last year that we have figures for. Likewise, the annual report showed an increase in board wages and expenses from \$671 000 to \$836 000, execs remuneration went from \$2.34 million to \$3.04 million and the number of execs went from nine to 12. Can you understand why the industry therefore is frustrated that there seems to be a fair bit of fat at GRV and nothing being done about it?

Mr PAKULA: Well, I do not accept the characterisation. Board expenses would be because the board was expanded in accordance with the review and, might I say, with the support, as I recall it at the time, of GOTBA because they wanted more people with greyhound industry experience on the board, and that is what happened. I cannot speak directly about executive numbers, but I am happy to take that on notice and come back to the committee with an explanation.

Answer:

GRV has advised that the organisation currently employs 10 executives in addition to the Chief Executive Officer. The 2019-20 Annual Report takes into account executive staff movement over the 12-month period and thus refers to the 12 individuals who occupied the 10 executive roles through 2019-20.