

The Secretary
Economy and Infrastructure Committee
Parliament House
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30 June 2017

Dear Secretary,

Re: Inquiry into RSPCA Victoria

Please find attached and below responses to questions asked on notice by Committee members during the hearing on 31 May 2017.

Inspectorate visits to farms (Member question on notice)

The data system used by RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate to manage reports and cases does not distinguish properties by whether they are primarily used for residential, commercial, agricultural or other purposes. As a proxy for this information, we attached a full list of concerns for livestock reported to RSPCA Victoria over the last six months. The attached spreadsheet also indicates which reports were referred to other agencies, and which involved a visit by an RSPCA Victoria Inspector.

Review of submissions (Secretary question on notice)

As requested, we reviewed all submissions published on your website for factual correctness. A summary of significant errors of fact (rather than opinion) is attached.

Explanation of RSPCA federation (Secretary question on notice)

RSPCA in Australia is a federated model. RSPCA Victoria is a member of RSPCA Australia (the federation of the eight state and territory RSPCA organisations in Australia). RSPCA Australia's Board consists of one Director of the Board of each member society, as well as three independent Directors, one of whom is the Chair.

RSPCA Australia focuses on national issues: those covered by federal laws or national standards. Each state or territory member society focuses on issues relating to state laws, state standards and local practices. That distinction has existed since RSPCA Australia was formed in the 1980s, and persists today.

Within the federated model, member societies must unanimously agree on policy before it is adopted. On all other matters, including approaches to advocacy and community information, we seek to influence but do not have direct control.

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RSPCA Victoria welcomes the opportunity to participate in this Inquiry, and is committed to being transparent and accountable to the Victorian community, and the Parliament.

If any further queries arise, or you would like further explanation of any information provided, please don't hesitate to contact me or my Executive Assistant, Jo Ansett [REDACTED] directly.

Yours sincerely,

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DR LIZ WALKER
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