

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Division/Agency: Australian Taxation Office

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Topic: Revenue from greyhound racing activities

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Question:

1. How many businesses or enterprises are identified as having greyhound racing activities as their core business?
2. How much tax do such enterprises pay in each state?
3. Does the ATO have any information about the number of greyhound industry participants who do not pay tax from their greyhound activities or enterprises?

Answer:

1. There were 403 entities who listed dog training for racing, greyhound training or racing kennel operations as their main activity on their 2014-15 income tax returns (mostly sole traders).
2. The aggregate income tax and net GST for the companies and sole traders identified as being in the greyhound racing industry are set out below, broken down by state and territory. Data on tax paid on distributions from partnerships and trusts in the industry is not available.

State	Tax paid \$
ACT	7,200
NSW	169,300
NT	1,000
QLD	66,200
SA	18,300
TAS	16,000
VIC	452,900
WA	177,100
Total	908,200

3. Of 344 companies and sole traders identified as being in the industry, 205 do not have a net tax amount for greyhound racing. Of the 55 businesses in this industry who lodge BASs, 20 claim GST refunds.