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Supplementary Evidence – Accountability Gaps in DPIRD Animal Welfare Enforcement, FOI2025-049

1 message

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Sat, Oct 25, 2025 at 10:10 PM

To: cpac@parliament.wa.gov.au

Cc: info <info@audit.wa.gov.au>, mail <mail@ombudsman.wa.gov.au>, info <info@oic.wa.gov.au>

Dear Chair and Members of the Standing Committee on Public Administration,

I write to provide a supplementary update to assist the Committee's ongoing consideration of public administration matters relating to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

The most recent Freedom of Information decision issued by **DPIRD** (Ref: FOI2025-049, 13 October 2025) confirms a further **accountability** vacuum in its animal welfare enforcement program, particularly the *Designated Inspector (DI)* function under the *Animal Welfare Act 2002 (WA)*.

DPIRD has now formally stated that, since 1 January 2022, it holds **no**:

- **Ministerial or Parliamentary briefings** — no reports, briefings, or correspondence regarding DI operations, data integrity, or compliance issues;
- **Communications with oversight bodies** — no correspondence or meeting records with the Office of the Auditor General or Ombudsman WA regarding the DI program or its record-keeping practices;
- **Internal compliance or risk assessments** — no audit reports, risk assessments, or risk register entries addressing possible administrative or legal failures.

This latest finding complements previous FOI outcomes already before the Committee:

- **FOI2025-008 – “Results vacuum”**: no inspection results or enforcement summaries.
- **FOI2025-017 – “Procedural vacuum”**: no standard operating procedures, internal risk reviews, or AWAC oversight records.

Taken together, these official statements demonstrate **a systemic absence of governance documentation**—no procedures, no results, no risk management, and no upward accountability—for a statutory enforcement function that exercises coercive powers.

At the same time, all formal avenues for review remain effectively closed:

- The Office of the Information Commissioner has confirmed indefinite backlogs and is itself **exempt from the FOI Act**.
- The Ombudsman WA has declined jurisdiction over the OIC and deferred consideration of DPIRD matters pending that same OIC process.

This creates a complete procedural deadlock in external oversight.

All referenced materials, including the Department's decision letters and correspondence with oversight bodies, are publicly archived for verification at:

👉 <https://unseenbeings.org>

I respectfully submit this information for the Committee's records, trusting it may assist future deliberations or hearings concerning the accountability of statutory office holders in Western Australia.

Yours sincerely,

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From: **Hanyu** <helloluna520@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Oct 12, 2025 at 4:24 PM

Subject: Further evidence of regulatory gaps in animal welfare enforcement (FOI2025-017)

To: lcpac <lcpac@parliament.wa.gov.au>

Dear Chair and Members of the Standing Committee on Public Administration,

I write to provide an update to my previous correspondence (forwarded below) concerning the administrative framework governing animal welfare enforcement at the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

Through Freedom of Information processes, DPIRD has now confirmed in writing (FOI2025-017) that it holds **no**:

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) or formal guidelines for its Designated Inspectors;
- Internal risk assessments or audits concerning its acknowledged failure to collect enforcement data;
- Oversight records from the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC).

This absence of both **foundational procedures** and **recorded outcomes** reveals a **dual vacuum** in regulatory governance. It raises serious questions about the Department's capacity to discharge its statutory responsibilities and maintain public accountability.

All relevant correspondence and documents are publicly available at <https://unseenbeings.org>.

I respectfully invite the Committee to take this evidence into consideration as part of its ongoing oversight of public administration in Western Australia.

Yours sincerely,

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From: helloluna520 <helloluna520@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 11, 2025 1:58 AM

To: lcpac <lcpac@parliament.wa.gov.au>

Subject: Fw: [Transparency Notification] FOI2025-008 – Animal Welfare Enforcement Records Gap

Dear Public Administration Committee Secretariat,

I am writing to notify your committee of the outcome of a recent Freedom of Information (FOI) process regarding animal welfare enforcement records in Western Australia.

In June 2025, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) formally stated—under FOI2025-008—that no records exist summarising Designated Inspector (DI) inspections, enforcement outcomes, or internal performance reviews from 2022–2025, apart from a single summary spreadsheet.

This official confirmation of a record-keeping gap in the use of expanded DI powers raises significant questions about transparency, public accountability, and the efficacy of oversight in animal welfare regulation.

For transparency and future reference, a full public archive of this FOI process—including all correspondence, the Section 26 notice, and the released document—is available here:

👉 <https://unseenbeings.org/>

I do not request specific action at this stage, but invite your committee to note this record in your ongoing public administration reviews and, if appropriate, consider further inquiry in future deliberations.

Kind regards,

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Supplementary Evidence – Financial Accountability and Performance Oversight Gaps in DPIRD Animal Welfare Program (FOI2025-049)

1 message

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Sat, Oct 25, 2025 at 10:19 PM

To: Estimates and Financial Operations Committee <lcefoc@parliament.wa.gov.au>

Dear Chair and Members of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations,

Further to my correspondence dated 17 September 2025, I wish to provide updated evidence relevant to the Committee’s oversight of public expenditure and performance accountability within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), particularly its animal welfare enforcement function (*Designated Inspector*, DI).

The Department’s most recent Freedom of Information decision (Ref: FOI2025-049, 13 October 2025) confirms that, since 1 January 2022, DPIRD holds no records demonstrating financial or operational accountability for this statutory program, including:

- **No performance reporting** – no ministerial or parliamentary briefings on DI operations, outcomes, or compliance issues;
- **No external consultation** – no correspondence with the Office of the Auditor General or Ombudsman WA regarding data integrity, governance, or resource risk;
- **No internal risk assessments** – no internal audits, reviews, or risk register entries concerning potential non-compliance or inefficiency.

This finding builds upon previous FOI results:

- **FOI2025-008**: no records of enforcement outcomes (result vacuum).
- **FOI2025-017**: no Standard Operating Procedures or internal risk management (process vacuum).

Together these reveal a **systemic absence of governance, performance, and accountability documentation** in a publicly funded statutory enforcement program.

In this context, it is not possible to assess whether allocated funds are being used efficiently, effectively, or in accordance with legislative intent — thereby limiting Parliament’s capacity to ensure value for money.

All referenced materials, including FOI decisions and correspondence with oversight agencies, are publicly archived at:

👉 <https://unseenbeings.org>

I respectfully submit this evidence for the Committee’s consideration in its future reviews of DPIRD’s financial and administrative accountability.

Yours sincerely,

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On Thu, Oct 16, 2025 at 12:37 PM Estimates and Financial Operations Committee <lcefoc@parliament.wa.gov.au> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Dear Ms Liu,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 17 September 2025. The Committee notes you have also brought this matter to the attention of the Standing Committee on Public Administration.

Kind regards,

Committee staff



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From: Hanyu Liu <helloluna520@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 01:25
To: Estimates and Financial Operations Committee <icefoc@parliament.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Accountability Failure in Resource Allocation for DPIRD’s Animal Welfare Program

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Dear Chair and Members of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations,

I write to bring to the Committee’s attention evidence raising significant concerns about the use of public funds within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), specifically in relation to its animal welfare enforcement program.

Through Freedom of Information processes, DPIRD has formally confirmed (FOI2025-017) that it holds no:

- Operational policies (SOPs) to guide the efficient deployment of inspectors and resources;
- Risk assessments to manage the financial or legal liabilities arising from regulatory failure;
- Performance or outcome records, as separately established in FOI2025-008 (currently before the OIC).

Public funds are therefore being allocated to a program that has no documented procedures, no risk management framework, and no performance data. In these circumstances it is not possible to demonstrate that resources are being used efficiently, effectively, or in line with statutory purpose.

This absence of financial accountability undermines Parliament’s ability to exercise oversight of program expenditure and assess value for money.

All relevant evidentiary documents are publicly archived at: <https://unseenbeings.org>.

I respectfully urge the Committee to give consideration to this evidence in order to safeguard the integrity of public resource allocation.

Yours sincerely,

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Supplementary Evidence – Systemic Governance Failure in DPIRD Animal Welfare Enforcement (FOI2025-049)

1 message

Hanyu Liu <helloluna520@gmail.com>
To: env@parliament.wa.gov.au

Sat, Oct 25, 2025 at 10:25 PM

Dear Chair and Members of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs,

I am writing to provide supplementary evidence concerning the governance and public accountability of animal welfare enforcement in Western Australia, administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

Recent Freedom of Information findings (Ref: FOI2025-049, 13 October 2025) confirm that DPIRD holds **no accountability records** for its *Designated Inspector (DI)* program since 1 January 2022, including:

- **No upward reporting** — no briefings to the Minister or Parliament on DI performance, risks, or outcomes;
- **No external consultation** — no correspondence with the Office of the Auditor General or Ombudsman WA regarding the DI framework or data integrity;
- **No internal risk assessment** — no documented review of operational, legal, or reputational risks arising from potential enforcement failure.

These findings build upon prior FOI evidence showing:

- **FOI2025-008**: no enforcement results or outcome summaries (“results vacuum”);
- **FOI2025-017**: no Standard Operating Procedures, no internal risk reviews, and no oversight records from the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (“process vacuum”).

Taken together, these reveal a **comprehensive breakdown of governance fundamentals** in a statutory enforcement program directly relevant to environmental protection and public welfare.

In parallel, oversight mechanisms remain non-functional:

- The Office of the Information Commissioner has acknowledged indefinite backlogs and operates outside the FOI Act.
- The Ombudsman WA has confirmed it cannot investigate the OIC and has deferred consideration of DPIRD matters pending that process.

This situation raises serious concerns as to whether statutory duties under the *Animal Welfare Act 2002* are being met and whether Parliament retains effective visibility over the program’s performance and integrity.

All referenced correspondence and decision documents are publicly archived for verification at:

👉 <https://unseenbeings.org>

Given the Committee’s remit regarding both environmental matters and the conduct of public administration, I respectfully submit this evidence for inclusion in your ongoing scrutiny of systemic governance issues within Western Australia.

Yours sincerely,

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From: **Hanyu Liu** <helloluna520@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 1:20AM
Subject: Severe Lack of Transparency and Public Accountability in WA Animal Welfare Regulation
To: <env@parliament.wa.gov.au>

Dear Chair and Members of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs,

I wish to draw the Committee's attention to a matter of significant public concern regarding the transparency and accountability of animal welfare regulation in Western Australia.

Through Freedom of Information processes, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has formally confirmed (FOI2025-017) that it holds no:

- Operational policies or procedures for its Designated Inspectors;
- Internal risk management or audits concerning failures in enforcement data collection;
- Formal oversight or advice from the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) regarding this program.

This comprehensive absence of records effectively renders the state's primary animal welfare enforcement mechanism for industrial farming invisible to public and parliamentary scrutiny. It represents a profound failure of accountability in a policy area of high community importance.

All referenced documents are publicly archived for review at: <https://unseenbeings.org>.

I respectfully urge the Committee to consider this evidence in its important role of overseeing matters of public interest and community confidence. Without transparency and governance in this area, both the welfare of animals and public trust in regulation are at serious risk.

Yours sincerely,

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From: **helloluna520@gma** <helloluna520@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 1:08AM
Subject: [Transparency Notification] FOI2025-008 – Animal Welfare Enforcement Records Gap
To: Icepa <Icepa@parliament.wa.gov.au>

Dear Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs Secretariat,

I am writing to notify your committee of the outcome of a recent Freedom of Information (FOI) process regarding animal welfare enforcement records in Western Australia.

In June 2025, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) formally stated—under FOI2025-008—that no records exist summarising Designated Inspector (DI) inspections, enforcement outcomes, or internal performance reviews from 2022–2025, apart from a single summary spreadsheet.

This official confirmation of a record-keeping gap in the use of expanded DI powers raises significant questions about transparency, public accountability, and the efficacy of oversight in animal welfare regulation.

For transparency and future reference, a full public archive of this FOI process—including all correspondence, the Section 26 notice, and the released document—is available here:

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I do not request specific action at this stage, but invite your committee to note this record in your ongoing public administration reviews and, if appropriate, consider further inquiry in future deliberations.

Kind regards,
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Supplementary Evidence – Continued Accountability Gaps in DPIRD Animal Welfare Enforcement (FOI2025-049)

1 message

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To: auditcte@parliament.wa.gov.au

Sat, Oct 25, 2025 at 10:32 PM

Dear Chair and Members of the Joint Audit Committee,

Further to my correspondence of 10 September 2025 regarding oversight and record-keeping failures within the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), I write to provide a brief update for your records.

DPIRD’s latest FOI decision (Ref: FOI2025-049, 13 October 2025) confirms that, since 1 January 2022, the Department holds no records of ministerial briefings, internal risk assessments, or correspondence with integrity agencies concerning its animal welfare enforcement program (Designated Inspectors).

This deepens the previously identified governance and accountability vacuum and may be relevant to future performance audit planning.

All referenced correspondence and documents are publicly available at <https://unseenbeings.org>.

Kind regards,

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From: **Hanyu Liu** <helloluna520@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Sep 17, 2025 at 1:23AM
Subject: Identification of Critical Audit and Risk Management Gaps in DPIRD’s Animal Welfare Enforcement
To: <auditcte@parliament.wa.gov.au>

Dear Chair and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Audit,

I write to bring to the Committee’s attention evidence of significant audit and risk management gaps in the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development’s (DPIRD) administration of animal welfare enforcement.

Through Freedom of Information processes (FOI2025-017), DPIRD has confirmed in writing that it holds no:

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) against which inspector performance could be audited;
- Internal risk assessments, audits, or compliance reports concerning deficiencies in enforcement data;
- Documented oversight or advice from its statutory advisory body, the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC).

This absence of a basic governance framework means the Designated Inspector program—Western Australia’s primary enforcement mechanism for industrial animal agriculture—lacks any auditable foundation. Its effectiveness, efficiency, and compliance with statutory duties cannot be independently verified.

This raises serious concerns not only for the Department’s internal controls but also for Parliament’s ability to receive reliable assurance on the program’s integrity and use of public resources.

All relevant evidentiary documents are permanently archived for public review at: <https://unseenbeings.org>.

I trust this information will be of assistance to the Committee in fulfilling its role of overseeing public sector accountability and audit readiness.

Yours sincerely,
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FOI Evidence Confirms Systemic Failure in WA Animal Welfare Enforcement – Public Record Now Available

1 message

Hanyu Liu <helloluna520@gmail.com>
To: contact@animalsaustralia.org

Sun, Oct 26, 2025 at 12:55 AM

Dear colleagues,

Official Freedom of Information (FOI) findings have now confirmed a **systemic collapse of accountability** in Western Australia's animal welfare enforcement framework, particularly within the *Designated Inspector (DI)* program administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

All primary source documents and correspondence are publicly archived at  <https://unseenbeings.org>.

 The Four-Fold Vacuum (Based on DPIRD's own written admissions)

1. Results Vacuum (FOI2025-008)
- No summary records of DI inspections, non-compliance findings, or enforcement outcomes exist since 2022.
2. Procedural Vacuum (FOI2025-017)
- No Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), no risk assessments addressing data failures, and no oversight records from the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC).
3. Accountability Vacuum (FOI2025-049, 13 Oct 2025)
- DPIRD confirms it holds **no records of**:
- Briefings to the Minister or Parliament on DI performance or risks;
 - Communication with the Auditor General or Ombudsman on DI governance or data gaps;
 - Internal risk assessments of compliance or program integrity.
4. Oversight Vacuum
- The Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) faces indefinite delays, operates without transparent case-allocation rules, and is **exempt from FOI**.
 - The WA Ombudsman, barred from investigating the OIC, has deferred all related complaints, producing a complete procedural deadlock.

These verified findings together describe a statutory enforcement function operating:

- without documented procedures,
- without measurable results,
- without risk management,
- and without any upward accountability.

 For Advocacy and Policy Work

The full documentary record at unseenbeings.org provides verifiable evidence suitable for:

- parliamentary submissions or policy briefings,
- NGO and coalition advocacy,

- public education and transparency campaigns.

Please feel free to reference or cite any of the publicly available materials.

For specific document links or context, you are welcome to contact me directly.

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Investigation: WA Government Admits No Accountability Records for Animal Welfare Enforcement — Oversight Bodies Deadlocked

1 message

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To: mediawatch@abc.net.au

Sun, Oct 26, 2025 at 1:01 AM

Dear Editors,

New FOI documents reveal that a key government enforcement program in Western Australia — the *Designated Inspector (DI)* system under the **Animal Welfare Act 2002** — is operating in an **accountability vacuum**, confirmed by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) itself.

The findings come from a series of formal **Freedom of Information (FOI)** requests lodged between April and October 2025, now publicly archived at 📄 <https://unseenbeings.org>.

Key Findings (Based on DPIRD’s Own FOI Responses)

1. No Results — FOI2025-008

DPIRD admits it holds no summary records of DI inspection outcomes or enforcement actions since 2022.

2. No Rules — FOI2025-017

No Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), no internal risk assessments on missing data, and no oversight records from the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC).

3. No Reporting or Accountability — FOI2025-049 (13 Oct 2025)

DPIRD confirms it holds *no records of*:

- Briefings to the Minister or Parliament on DI performance or risks;
- Consultation with the Auditor General or Ombudsman about DI governance;
- Internal risk assessments concerning potential program failures.

In short: a taxpayer-funded statutory function has **no procedures, no results, no oversight, and no paper trail**.

Oversight System Blocked

- The **Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC)**, responsible for FOI appeals, admits to severe backlogs, no case allocation policy, and is itself **exempt from FOI** scrutiny.
- The **WA Ombudsman** is legally barred from investigating the OIC and has deferred all complaints about DPIRD until the OIC’s process concludes — a process that may never conclude.

Together they form a **closed loop of non-accountability**:

a regulator without records, an appeal body outside the law it enforces, and an Ombudsman unable to intervene.

Why It Matters

The DI system was introduced in 2023 as the **only legal mechanism** allowed to inspect animal farming operations after the Trespass and Animal Welfare Amendment Acts criminalised unauthorised investigations.

Without documentation, there is effectively **no visible enforcement** of animal welfare standards in WA.

All FOI responses, correspondence with oversight agencies, and parliamentary submissions are verifiable at <https://unseenbeings.org>.

I am available to provide supporting files or further background if required.

Kind regards,

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