

# RE: [Transparency Notification] FOI2025-008 – Animal Welfare Enforcement Records Gap

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Good morning

Thank you for your correspondence to the Standing Committee on Public Administration. The Committee will consider your correspondence at its next meeting.

Kind regards

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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:

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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.

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