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This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

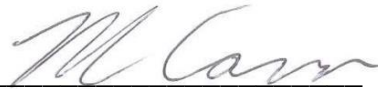
Submitted on behalf of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee by:

Dr Mary Carr

Presiding Member

Date 28.08.2023

Signature



Reason for late submission: Committee constituted for one day of reporting period. Annual report provides outline of legislative responsibilities and limited overview.

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Overview: about the Committee

Our strategic focus

The focus of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) is defined by section 12 of the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* (the Act).

12 – Functions of the Committee

The functions of the Committee are –

- (a) *To advise the Minister on any matter relating to the administration or enforcement of this Act; and*
- (b) *To consider, and report to the Minister on, legislative proposals affecting animal welfare; and*
- (c) *To examine the proposed codes of practice relating to animals and report to the minister on their likely effect upon animal welfare; and*
- (ca) *To develop, or assist in developing, codes of practice for animal welfare and to make recommendations to the Minister as to their adoption under the regulations; and*
- (d) *To investigate and report to the Minister on any matters referred by the Minister to the Committee for advice.*

Our organisational structure

In accordance with section 6 of the Act, the AWAC consists of eight members appointed by the Minister.

The membership of AWAC has been appointed for a three-year period, expiring 29 June 2025. There has been a change to the structure of the committee during the financial year with the previous committee expiring as of 3 February 2022 and the new committee being appointed 29 June 2022. At 30 June 2021 there were no vacancies on the AWAC.

The AWAC membership and remuneration is reported annually in the *South Australian Government Board and Committees Information*.

Changes to the Committee

During 2021-22 there were no changes to the structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

Our Minister

The AWAC is a portfolio Committee of the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water the Hon Dr Susan Close MP.

Our Executive team

In accordance with section 11 of the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* Dr Antonia Dalziel, Manager Animal Welfare and Wildlife, Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is secretary to the AWAC. Administrative support for the Committee is provided by Ms Heather Rose, Animal Welfare Project Officer, DEW..

Legislation administered by the agency

Animal Welfare Act

Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

Department for Environment and Water

The agency's performance

Performance at a glance

The Committee held no meetings in 2021-22. The AWAC was disbanded at the end of the three year term (3 February 2022) and a new committee was appointed 29 June 2022. Five positions were reappointed. Three positions were new appointments, including the presiding member.

Agency contribution to whole of Government objectives

No meetings were held or advice provided to the Minister during 2021-22

Agency specific objectives and performance

As a statutory committee, the functions of the AWAC are defined in section 12 of the Act. The performance of the AWAC is considered at the commencement of each term of office. The Governance statement was reviewed in 2019-20 and the performance of the AWAC considered in light of the statement and its statutory role at the commencement of the term of office. No meetings were held by AWAC during 2021-22.

Corporate performance summary

No meetings were held by AWAC during 2021-22.

Employment opportunity programs

The AWAC has no staff of its own and utilises the services of DEW. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW Annual Report 2021-22.

Executive, administrative and project support are provided to the AWAC from existing DEW resources.

Agency performance management and development systems

No meetings were held by AWAC during 2021-22.

Work health, safety and return to work programs

No meetings were held by AWAC during 2021-22.

**number of claimants assessed during the reporting period as having a whole person impairment of 30% or more under the Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)*

***before third party recovery*

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/animal-welfare-advisory-committee-annual-report-data>

Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
<p>The presiding member of the outgoing committee was Chief Executive of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA). However, his classification relates to his substantive position rather than his position as presiding member of AWAC. Prof. Mehdi Doroudi was not eligible for, nor paid, any allowance as presiding member of the AWAC.</p>	0
<p>The incoming presiding chair of the AWAC is Dr Mary Carr, Chief Veterinary Officer, PIRSA. Her classification relates to her substantive position rather than position as presiding member. Dr Carr is not eligible for, nor paid, any allowance as presiding member of the AWAC.</p>	0

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The [Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment](#) has a [workforce information](#) page that provides further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

Financial performance

Financial performance at a glance

The AWAC is a statutory body, not a corporate entity, and has no funds of its own. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW Annual Report 2021-22.

The costs associated with the administration of the AWAC are met from within existing DEW resources. Members are remunerated in accordance with the recommendation by the Chief Executive, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, in line with the Cabinet-approved Remuneration Framework.

Consultants disclosure

Nil to report

See also the [Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance](#) for total value of consultancy contracts across the South Australian Public Sector.

Contractors disclosure

Nil to report

The details of South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website. [View the agency list of contracts](#).

The website also provides details of [across government contracts](#).

Other financial information

Nil to report

Other information

Nil to report

Risk management

Risk and audit at a glance

Nil to report

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
It is declared that there were no instances of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the AWAC in this reporting period.	0

NB: Fraud reported includes actual and reasonably suspected incidents of fraud.

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Strategies to detect instances of fraud are reported in the DEW Annual Report 2021-22.

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Public interest disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018*:

Nil

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Note: Disclosure of public interest information was previously reported under the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* and repealed by the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018* on 1/7/2019.

Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
It is declared that the AWAC has no reporting requirements under any other Act or Regulation	Not applicable

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not applicable

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

Reporting on the number of complaints received is mandated. If your agency does not have an approved set of complaint categories in place, please use the complaint categories in the table below.

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints YYYY-YY
All complaints			No specific complaints have been received by the AWAC.
		Total	Nil

Additional Metrics	Total
Number of positive feedback comments	0
Number of negative feedback comments	0
Total number of feedback comments	0
% complaints resolved within policy timeframes	No complaints have been received or acted upon

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/animal-welfare-advisory-committee-annual-report-data>

Service Improvements

Not applicable

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2021-22

Financial services are provided to the AWAC by DEW. Finances are audited annually as part of DEW's financial statements.

Annual report information (including financial statements) is available on the DEW website at: <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/about-us-our-reports/annual-reports>