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## ***To Media***

21 July 2015

### ***Ms. Karen Bearpark - Inquiry***



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The Stewards opened an inquiry on Thursday 2 July 2015 into the inspection conducted at Ms. Karen Bearparks registered training premises on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and the prescription medicines and other items said to have been found there during that inspection and related matters.

After taking evidence from a number of witnesses' stewards laid the following four (4) charges.

1. Charge under Greyhound Rule of Racing AR 84(2) **Possession of prohibited substances** with the particulars of the charge being *that Ms Karen Bearpark being a licensed trainer, did have in her possession in her racing kennels on the 26 March 2015 at 50 Windmill Road, Two Wells a quantity of schedule 4 medications as follows that were not prescribed in compliance with the relevant State or Commonwealth legislation.*

Those being:

- Testosterone
- Stanazol
- Testoprop
- Reverzine
- Ilium Xylaxil
- Naloxone injection
- Carprofen
- Amoxycillin 400mg
- Doxycycline 100mg
- Syntocin
- Amoxycillin Long Acting Injection

2. Charge under Greyhound Rule of Racing AR 79A(7) **Out of Competition testing** with the particulars of the charge being *that on 26 March 2015 the schedule 8 medications KETAMINE and FENTANYL, which for the purposes of this rule are permanently banned prohibited substances by virtue of section 2(v), which could give rise to an offence if administered to a greyhound, were found at 50 Windmill Road, Two Wells in her kennel area, which are her premises used in relation to the training of greyhounds and accordingly she was deemed to have them in her possession.*
3. Charge under Greyhound Rule of Racing AR 79A(7) **Out of competition testing** with the particulars of the charge *that on 26 March 2015 two fluid bags marked as cobalt chloride containing a solution of cobalt chloride, which is for the purposes of this rule a permanently Banned prohibited substance by virtue of sections (2)(i) and/or 2(xiii) which could give rise to an offence if administered to a greyhound, was found at 50 Windmill Road, Two Wells in her kennel area which are her premises used in relation to the training of greyhounds and accordingly she was deemed to have it in her possession.*
4. Charge under Greyhound Rule of Racing AR 79A(7) **Out of competition testing** with the particulars of the charge *that on 26 March 2015 TAMOXIFEN, which for the purposes of this rule is a permanently banned prohibited substance by virtue of section 2(ix) which could give rise to an offence if administered to a greyhound, was found at 50 Windmill Road, Two Wells in her kennel area which are her premises used in relation to the training of greyhounds and accordingly she was deemed to have it in her possession.*

Ms. Bearpark pleaded not guilty to all charges. As a result stewards adjourned the inquiry and reserved their decision to consider the submissions made in relation to the plea of not guilty.

Ms. Bearpark was advised through her legal counsel on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 that the Stewards had completed their deliberations and for the reasons which were given unanimously determined to find her guilty of all charges.

As a result, it was necessary for the inquiry to be resumed in order to hear submissions on the question of what penalty, if any, ought to be imposed in relation to these charges.

Accordingly the Stewards consulted with her legal counsel in determining the resumption date for the inquiry of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 3.30pm.

After considering all submissions the following penalties were imposed in relation to the charges:

- Charge 1**      \$1,500 Fine
- Charge 2**      Disqualified for a period of 12 Months.
- Charge 3**      Disqualified for a period of 2 Years.
- Charge 4**      Disqualified for a period of 6 Months.

Stewards determined that charges 2,3 and 4 are to be served concurrently. Furthermore as Ms. Bearpark was prohibited from training under the rules this penalty was back dated to commence on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 ending midnight 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Ms. Bearpark was advised of her rights of appeal.

**Further Information:**

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