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Bring Black Caviar to Adelaide

The Liberal Opposition has called on the Labor Government to reveal what it is doing to help the South Australian racing industry bring champion mare Black Caviar to Adelaide.

Adelaide is competing against Brisbane as the venue for Black Caviar's attempt at a 20th successive victory before the launch of her international campaign at Britain's Royal Ascot race in June.

"The South Australian racing industry is working feverishly to attract the owners and trainer of Black Caviar to race in Adelaide," Shadow Minister for Racing Dan van Holst Pellekaan said

"But what assistance, if any, has Minister Kenyon offered the industry on behalf of the Labor Government to help them in this quest?

"I have contacted the South Australian Jockey Club and Thoroughbred Racing SA offering my support.

"If Black Caviar raced in Adelaide, it would be one of the biggest racing events in South Australia's history and would be a big bonus for the State."

The thoroughbred racing industry is the 3rd largest employer in Australia, but Premier Weatherill did not retain a Minister for Racing in his new cabinet line-up, making South Australia the only state without a Racing Minister.

At the time, Premier Weatherill promised that his gaffe-prone Minister for Recreation and Sport, Tom Kenyon, would still support the racing industry.

"Little did we know that he was talking about lizard racing rather than thoroughbred racing," Mr van Holst Pellekaan said.

"Mr Kenyon is never far from the fun, but what about actually doing the job he is meant to do, which is supporting the thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing industries in our State?"

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