

South Africa: Greyhound Racing Remains Illegal in SA

Greyhound racing remains illegal in South Africa, says the Department of Trade and Industry.

Greyhound racing is an organised, competitive industry in which greyhound dogs are raced around a track.

The dogs chase a lure (traditionally an artificial 'hare' or 'rabbit') on a track until the greyhounds cross the finish line. As with horse racing, greyhound races often allow the public to wager on the outcome.

Department spokesperson Sidwell Medupe said: "The Department of Trade and Industry has noted continuing media reports indicating that the department has introduced a Bill to legalise and regulate Greyhound Racing.

"The department would like to dismiss these untrue reports and put the matter into perspective. Greyhound Racing remains illegal in South Africa and there is no Bill that has been proposed by the dti".

Medupe said the policy framework in South Africa prohibits Greyhound Racing and there is no proposal on any table to change the position.