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QRIC stands down Toowoomba stable employees

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) last night stood down two Toowoomba stable employees of Trainer Ben Currie.

The decision follows the Commission's continuing investigation into possible breaches of the rules of racing concerning race day treatment of a number of horses at Mr Currie's Toowoomba stables.

On Saturday morning April 7 members of the QRIC's Integrity Investigations Team (IIT) observed suspicious activity around the horses, some of which raced later that day at the Toowoomba Weetwood Handicap meeting.

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said the swabs taken from seven horses on Saturday morning and other items seized continue to be the subject of scientific analysis.

"The allocation of prizemoney won by the horses under investigation has been suspended pending the final outcome," he said.

"This is going to be a protracted investigation with a number of lines of enquiry including the examination of samples taken and items seized which includes CCTV equipment therefore the final outcome will most likely be several weeks away.

"This investigation has been, and will continue to be thorough, professional and impartial."

Commissioner Barnett said due to the ongoing nature of this major investigation, the Commission will make no further comment at this time but will keep the Queensland Racing Industry informed of any developments.

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