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Ben Currie hearing scheduled to resume next month

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards will reconvene their Inquiry into the charges issued against Toowoomba Trainer Ben Currie on 13 August.

Commissioner Ross Barnett said Mr Currie's hearing where he faced 31 breaches of the Australian Rules of Racing was adjourned at his request on 28 May 2018 to prepare his defence.

"The brief of evidence has now been presented to Mr Currie through his legal representatives and upon review Stewards have discontinued three charges not relating to his alleged activities on 24 March and 7 April," he said.

"Mr Currie now has the opportunity to prepare his submissions, respond to the charges by 27 July and appear before the Stewards for the scheduled resumption of the Inquiry on 13 August.

"In association with the ongoing investigation into Trainer Ben Currie, I wish to clarify the public statements made by Mr Currie in relation to prizemoney that was withheld after the Toowoomba Weetwood Day race meeting on 7 April.

"The Weetwood Day prizemoney has not been released to the connections of those horses that remain the subject of the continuing investigation into Mr Currie's alleged activities," Mr Barnett said.

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