

QUESTION ON NOTICE
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MRS ATTWOOD asked the Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Rural and Regional Queensland (MR MULHERIN)–

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the potential benefits to the community, industry and the local environment resulting from the state's proposed Feral Deer Management Strategy?

ANSWER:

In response to increasing feral deer numbers and impacts, feral deer were declared as pest species under the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Regulation 2003 in May 2009.

The Strategy aims to humanely and efficiently reduce feral deer impacts and population spread and allow landholders to meet their obligations in a coordinated manner.

However, it must be noted that the control of feral deer is difficult due to the limited methods available for control and the elusive nature of the animals. In some cases, control activities may take many years before a result is seen.

Biosecurity Queensland is currently working with stakeholders to finalise the state wide Feral Deer Management Strategy.