

Question on Notice

No. 1409

Asked on Wednesday, 17 October 2018

MR D CRISAFULLI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to management of feral pests by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service officers in Queensland state and national parks—Will the Minister outline (reported separately by year from 2012 to 2017) (a) the overall number of (i) wild pigs, (ii) wild dogs and (iii) wild cats killed, and (b) the individual spend allocated to hunting and killing those feral animals in (a)(i) to (iii)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) is responsible for approximately 13 million hectares across Queensland. QPWS manage feral pigs, wild dogs and feral cats as part of a strategically delivered pest management program to address threats to the key values of Queensland protected areas. Pest management activities are also undertaken as part of targeted initiatives to protect threatened species and in collaboration with adjoining landholders to support a landscape-wide approach, to meet responsibilities under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.

As pest management activities are also integrated with broader programs, including along perimeter fence lines with adjoining landholders for mutual benefits, I am advised by the Department of Environment and Science that an accurate count of the overall number or individual amounts spent per year to specifically eradicate wild pigs, cats or dogs cannot be provided.