

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 8

Friday, 27 June 2025

Question No. 514

Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services—

1. What data does the ACT Government collect on vehicle-wildlife collisions and is this data publicly available.
2. Does the ACT Government receive any data or reporting from insurance companies regarding wildlife road collisions; if so, how much do ACT residents pay in insurance claims annually related to vehicle-wildlife collisions.
3. How many vehicle-wildlife collisions occurred each year for the period 2015-2024, broken down by district.
4. What measures does the ACT Government currently undertake to minimise vehicle-wildlife collisions on ACT roads.
5. What measures has the ACT Government investigated or considered, but not adopted, to minimise vehicle-wildlife collisions on ACT roads.

TARA CHEYNE MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The ACT Parks and Conservation Service collects wildlife callout data when it responds to incidents. The information is available on the Open Data Portal at the following link: <https://www.data.act.gov.au/Environment/Wildlife-Callouts-Attended-by-Parks-Conservation-B/atjr-8xtb>. This dataset contains details about all callouts, not just vehicle collisions.
2. No.
3. Vehicle-wildlife collisions for 2015 – 2024 is presented below:

Year	Number of reported crashes involving wildlife	% of total reported crashes in ACT
2015	172	2.2%
2016	159	2.0%
2017	168	2.2%
2018	220	2.9%
2019	138	1.9%
2020	76	1.3%

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2021	55	0.9%
2022	84	1.5%
2023	127	2.2%
2024	124	2.2%

4. The ACT Government has provided wildlife fencing on high priority road corridors such as Tuggeranong Parkway, and wildlife warning signage at strategic locations across the ACT road network. Temporary/seasonal variable message signs alerting motorists to the possible presence of wildlife are also provided whenever warranted.
5. Roads ACT is currently updating its policy on the installation of wildlife warning signs. The use of Animal Detection Systems, Animal Anti-Collision Systems and Animal Reflectors have been previously considered. Research both internationally and Australia-wide show that such systems have minimal effect in affecting vehicle-wildlife collisions. The use of temporary/ seasonal signs was found to be most effective.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minister for City and Government Services

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