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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 8****27 June 2025****Question No. 497**

MR EMERSON MLA - To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water:

1. What is the Government's timeline for (a) costing and (b) implementing their proposed model for kangaroo carcass utilisation, given that section 5.5 of the Independent Review of the *ACT's Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Controlled Native Species Management Plan* suggests that the Government explore alternative options, rather than leaving carcasses in situ and that Recommendation 5.3 calls on the Government to undertake the next steps outlined in the Australian Wildlife Services report, including costing their proposed model.
2. Can the Minister provide a copy of the 2020 Australian Wildlife Services report, or a link to where it is publicly available.
3. Has the Government considered virtual fencing measures to help prevent wildlife car accidents.

MINISTER ORR MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. For clarity the independent review recommended '*Continue exploring alternatives for carcass utilisation instead of the current practice of pit burial and leaving in situ*'.

The ACT Government utilises carcasses where possible following a conservation cull. Skins are provided to First Nations peoples on request. Carcasses may also be butchered for use as part of feral animal baiting programs. However, due to the fact there is no processing facilities in the ACT there are limited options for carcass use.

The Government is exploring other options for carcass utilisation.

2. The report is not currently publicly available as it contains information that engages the *Information Privacy Act 2014*. I have requested the City and Environment Directorate look to redact this information and provide a redacted copy online as soon as possible.

3. The Government notes that virtual fences have been trialled in various locations around Australia.

The 2024 independent review of the *Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Management Plan* (2017) recommends that further research on kangaroo-vehicle collisions occur to identify cost effective mitigation measures. These findings should then be implemented and monitored in an adaptive management framework. This recommendation will be explored as part of the drafting and implementation of the new Eastern Grey Kangaroo Controlled Native Species Plan.

The Government also notes there is a petition before the Assembly about the use of virtual fences. The Government will respond to this petition in due course.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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