

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 626

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

1. Is the time between the initial call out and attendance of an Urban Wildlife Officer to the injured or dead animal recorded; if so, what is the average wait time; if not, why not.
2. Given the level of call outs being recorded, are there plans to expand the Urban Wildlife Officer team.
3. Has consideration been given to allowing wildlife carers to be permitted to be called out to euthanise injured kangaroos to reduce waiting times, as is done in other regions; if not, why not.
4. Was virtual fencing considered as an option for wildlife as part of the William Hovell Drive duplication project.
5. How many joeys have been transferred to NSW for care so far in this financial year.
6. What support is the ACT Government providing to staff who attend call outs and euthanise injured wildlife.

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

1. No, primarily because the Wildlife Rangers primarily work alone and have a high operational workload after receiving a call out.
2. No.
3. The Conservator of Flora and Fauna issues a license under the Nature Conservation Act to Wildcare (NSW) to attend to and euthanise injured macropods near the border points of the ACT and NSW where their attendance may be quicker to the site than a Wildlife Ranger.
4. No. The William Hovell Drive duplication project will include fauna fencing adjacent to the nature reserves which funnel larger fauna towards two underpasses.
5. 17.

6. Wildlife Rangers who are responsible for attending callouts receive training to enable them to safely and professionally attend to injured wildlife.

Wildlife Rangers are allocated to a roster that ensures adequate rest-relief, access to the ACT Government's Employee Assistance Program and safety check-in arrangements through Access Canberra and the Parks and Conservation Service Agency Representative. Wildlife Rangers also received support include check-ins from fellow team members.

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Tara Cheyne MLA
Minister for City and Government Services

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