

Response to question on notice

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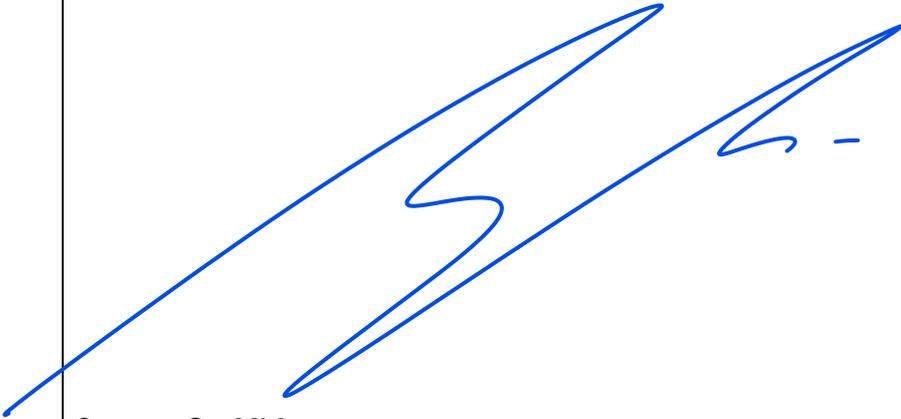
Thomas Emerson MLA: To ask the Minister for Climate Change, Environment Energy and Water

1. What measurable reductions in target species numbers have been recorded as a result of invasive predator control programs.
2. What biodiversity or ecosystem indicators are used to assess the impact of predator control.
3. Have any independent evaluations of the programs referred to in part (1) been conducted; if so, can the Minister provide the reports.
4. Are there any planned changes to funding or methods for invasive predator control over the next five years.
5. How does the ACT Government plan to integrate predator control with broader conservation goals, such as threatened species recovery.
6. Are there any plans for more community involvement in invasive species management.

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

- 1) 99 predator pest animals were removed by the Parks and Conservation Service during 2024-25.
- 2) There are no specific biodiversity or ecosystem indicators that assess the impacts of predator control.
- 3) No.
- 4) The ACT Budget 2025-26 provided funding over two years for invasive species management. Further funding is subject to future budget processes. No changes to methods to control invasive species are currently planned.
- 5) The importance of Invasive predator management is recognised and forms part of an integrated approach to conservation in the Nature Conservation Strategy, Reserve Management Plans, threatened species Action Plans, and Conservation Advice for threatened species.
- 6) The Government will continue to train and equip ParkCare volunteers to use power tools and handle chemical to support invasive plant species removal in the ACT's parks and reserves. ParkCare volunteers will also continue to be trained in the use of a rabbit warren mapping tool.

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Suzanne Orr MLA

Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

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