

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 773

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

1. Is the Minister aware of allegations of kangaroo shooting at Googong foreshore that are not part of the Kangaroo Management Plan.
2. Has the City and Environment Directorate investigated the allegations referred to in part (1); if so, what are the outcomes of the investigation.
3. How many kangaroos have been shot in the last 5 years at Googong foreshore, including (a) who were they shot by, (b) were the shootings authorised by any government program and (c) did the shootings take place on government land or on private land.

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

1. I am aware of an incident that occurred in June 2025.
2. The City and Environment Directorate referred the matter to NSW Police for investigation as a potential crime.

3a. The numbers of independently mobile Eastern Grey Kangaroos culled at Googong Foreshores is provided in the table below

Culling is carried out by contractors and trained and qualified staff.

Year	Number
2021	713
2022	245
2023	0
2024	0
2025	1088

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3b. Kangaroo management in NSW is overseen by NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DECCEW). Non-commercial kangaroo management such as that undertaken at Googong is licensed by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (a directorate within Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water).

Additionally, the management of kangaroos at Googong is undertaken in accordance with the ACT Kangaroo Management Plan (2010) as sites in NSW are outside of the legislative scope of the more recent Eastern Grey Kangaroo: Controlled Native Species Management Plan (2017). As such, the approach taken is consistent with kangaroo management for conservation within nature reserves in the ACT.

More information about Kangaroo management activities at Googong Foreshores can be found online at <https://www.act.gov.au/environment/animals-and-plants/animals/wildlife-management/eastern-grey-kangaroo>

3c. Eastern Grey Kangaroo culling by the ACT Government at Googong occurs exclusively on government land.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.


Tara Cheyne MLA
Minister for City and Government Services

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