

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 09 05 September 2025 Question No. 558

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

1. What was the ACT Government's total budget for conservation and biodiversity management in the last financial year.
2. How much of this budget was specifically allocated to invasive species control.
3. What proportion of invasive species funding is dedicated to vertebrate pest management, as opposed to non-vertebrate such as weeds and insects.
4. Has funding for fox and cat control increased, decreased, or remained stable over the last five years.

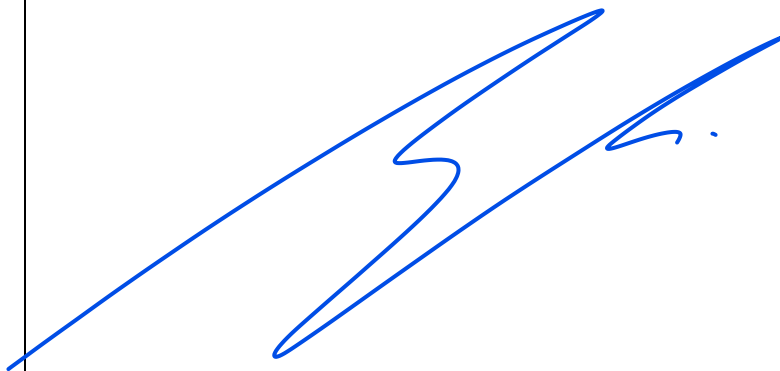
SUZANNE ORR MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The broad scope of the question means it is not possible to provide a total budget figure for conservation and biodiversity management noting that what comprises these functions can be interpreted in different ways, across different directorates.
2. Invasive species control is delivered by multiple areas as part of integrated land management activities rather than through specific funding initiatives.
3. See answer to question 2.
4. The management of these species is part of invasive species control programs and their associated funding rather than individualised funding initiatives.

Ongoing, stable funding is provided to the RSPCA annually for the management of cats that cannot be rehomed as well as stray/abandoned cats across the Territory in cat containment areas in accordance with the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*. The ACT Government also provides grant funding to several rescues and not for profit organisations to support desexing and rehoming of stray and abandoned cats across the ACT.

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Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water

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