

Response to question on notice

Questions on Notice Paper No 10

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Question No. 642

JO CLAY MLA - To ask the Minister for City and Government Services:

1. Are the plans announced for the following the wildlife crossings currently being planned as part of the William Hovell Drive duplication: two rope bridges for arboreal and avifauna, three box culvert crossings for ground-welling fauna, and 1.8m exclusion fencing in the vicinity of the nature reserves?
2. Will the planned wildlife crossings referred to in part (1) assist kangaroos and macropods to safely crossroads or prevent macropod / vehicle collisions?
3. What is the plan to avoid macropod collisions for William Hovell Drive, given that macropod collisions are a high proportion of reported collisions, an analysis of wildlife callout data from January 2016 to March 2025 on William Hovell Drive indicated that of the 719 reported collisions, 648 of which were macropods, and that it is likely that collisions with non-macropods are underreported for a lot of reasons, but this is still a very strong indicator that macropod collisions are a major source of wildlife / vehicle collisions?

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

1. Yes, these wildlife crossings are being constructed as part of the William Hovell Drive duplication.
2. The combination of existing culverts, new crossings and associated fencing is designed to facilitate safe wildlife movement over and under William Hovell Drive, thereby reducing vehicle-wildlife collisions. This includes kangaroos and macropods.
3. Refer to response in part 2.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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Minister for City and Government Services

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