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*2202 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—TRAVELLING STOCK RESERVES—Mr Field asked the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) In regards to Crown Land identified as having the public purpose of Travelling Stock, what is the effect of the land co-existing with a Western Lands Lease?
 - (a) How does such a status change the usage rights for the non-leaseholder?
 - (b) Are there any restrictions for the Western Lands Leaseholder on this land?
- (2) How many reserves with the public purpose of Travelling Stock have been revoked but continue to co-exist with Western Lands Leases in each of the calendar years of:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2018?
- (3) Can the Minister provide an approximation of how many hectares the answer to the above question equates to for each of the calendar years of:
 - (a) 2020?
 - (b) 2019?
 - (c) 2018?

Answer—

I am advised:

- (1) Western Lands leases are Crown leases managed under the Crown Land Management Act 2016 and Travelling Stock Reserves often co-exist or overlay these leases and form part of the lawful leasehold estate.

Most of the 1.5 million hectares of Travelling Stock Reserves that co-exist with Western Lands leases are managed and occupied by leaseholders and remain available for the exclusive use of the leaseholder, but are subject to rights of use by bona fide travelling stock.

Local Land Services is responsible for issuing 'permits' to move stock.

- (a) Where a Travelling Stock Reserve co-exists with a Western Lands lease it does not change the usage rights for 'non-leaseholders' because clause 62 of the Local Land Services Regulation 2014 prohibits 'non-leaseholders' from using the reserve.

An exception to this is where a permit is obtained from Local Land Services for the movement of stock. The leaseholder retains exclusive possession of the lease and the right to exclude all parties, other than those with a permit to move stock.

- (b) The only restriction for a Western Lands leaseholder whose lease co-exists with a Travelling Stock Reserve is that the land must be made being available, if required, for the use of bona fide travelling stock, if a permit has been issued by Local Land Services.

- (2) When a Travelling Stock Reserve is revoked, it ceases to co-exist with a Western Lands lease. Therefore no Travelling Stock Reserves were revoked that then continued to co-exist with a Western Lands Lease.
- (3) Nil – refer to previous

*2203 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT—FERAL GOATS—Mr Field asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Energy and Environment—

- (1) What is the best estimate of the numbers of feral goats in the national parks estate for each of the past 20 years?
- (2) What is the best estimate of the numbers of feral goats in the national parks estate in the Western Division for each of the past 20 years?

- (3) What is the best estimate of the numbers of feral goats in the Paroo-Darling National Park for each of the past 20 years?
- (4) How many feral goats have been removed through trapping and mustering from the national parks estate in each of the past 20 years?
- (5) How many feral goats have been removed through trapping and mustering from the national parks estate in the Western Division in each of the past 20 years?
- (6) How many feral goats have been removed through trapping and mustering from the Paroo-Darling National Park in each of the past 20 years?
- (7) How many feral goats, which have been removed from the national parks estate, have been subsequently sold commercially in each of the past 20 years?
- (8) How many feral goats, which have been removed from the national parks estate in the Western Division, have been subsequently sold commercially in each of the past 20 years?
- (9) How many feral goats, which have been removed from the Paroo-Darling National Park, have been subsequently sold commercially in each of the past 20 years?

Answer—

I am advised that:

1-3. Estimates of feral goat numbers in New South Wales are based on aerial surveys undertaken by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in conjunction with the commercial Kangaroo Management Program, which is generally west of the Great Dividing Range. This region correlates with the greatest concentration of feral goats in New South Wales.

The survey results are not broken down to the level requested

YEAR	ESTIMATED NUMBER IN WESTERN NSW
1999	532,145
2000	892,128
2001	1,423,904
2002	1,145,252
2003	1,072,930
2004	1,520,813
2005	1,687,912
2006	1,368,976
2007	1,771,187
2008	2,483,859
2009	2,142,548
2010	2,446,205
2011	2,998,698
2012	3,059,487
2013	3,387,155
2014	Goats not counted
2015	Goats not counted
2016	5,797,280
2017	3,492,097
2018	2,196,245
2019	3,876,301
2020	4,993,531

4. Centralised collection and collation of mustering and trapping records has been undertaken by the National Parks and Wildlife Service since 2014. The number of feral goats removed since 2014 as at 25 September 2020 is:

YEAR	NUMBER
2014	35220
2015	25208
2016	25328
2017	31642

2018	6433
2019	13885
2020	9007

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YEAR	NUMBER
2014	32211
2015	22298
2016	23447
2017	29270
2018	5060
2019	13705
2020	8919

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YEAR	NUMBER
2014	786
2015	6660
2016	2472
2017	1307
2018	996
2019	343
2020	222

7. All mustering and trapping was undertaken by contractors, with the consent of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, who then commercially sold the feral goats.

8. See answer to question 7.

9. See answer to question 7.

*2206 PREMIER—OVERSEAS PROJECT PROCUREMENT—Mr Primrose asked the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Premier—

- (1) Since 2011, what are the specific major manufacturing projects that the Government or one of its agencies procured from overseas?
 - (a) What is the total estimated cost of each project?
 - (b) What is the total estimated cost overall?
- (2) In each case, what is the estimate of the total number of jobs that have been exported from New South Wales as a consequence of the decision to procure these projects overseas?
 - (a) What was the estimated total of full time employee (FTE) jobs lost to New South Wales per project?
 - (b) Per project, what percentage of these jobs lost are estimated to have been manufacturing jobs?
- (3) Over the period of the forward estimates, what are the specific manufacturing projects that the Government or any of its agencies propose to procure from overseas?

Answer—

This is a matter for the Minister for Finance and Small Business.

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2397 TRANSPORT AND ROADS—BATLOW ROAD SAFETY REVIEW—Mr Veitch to ask the Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs, and the Arts, Vice-President of the Executive Council representing the Minister for Transport and Roads—

- (1) With regard to the speed limit and safety review of Batlow Road:
 - (a) Who is conducting the review?
 - (b) Will it be made public?
 - (i) If so, on what date?

2398 WATER, PROPERTY AND HOUSING—ICONIC WHARF BUILDING AT EDEN—Mr Primrose to ask the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women representing the Minister for Water, Property and Housing—

- (1) Which Government agency owns the iconic wharf building at Eden?
- (2) Did the Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre become the head tenant when it took on the lease in 2008?
 - (a) If so, how many subleases are current?
 - (b) Do any Government agencies sublease premises in the building?
 - (i) If so, what agencies?
 - (c) How many tenants have been forced to close their doors since June 2020?
 - (i) If so, which tenants?
- (3) On what date did the responsible Government agency first become aware of the safety issues in the building?
- (4) Did tenants raise safety or other building related issues with that Government agency prior to the inspection?
 - (a) If so, when did this happen?
- (5) How many safety inspections has the relevant Government agency had conducted at the Eden Wharf property over the past ten years?
- (6) What plan does the Government have for the Wharf building given its current condition?
- (7) Have Government agencies found the building to be unsafe and that the electrical wiring needs to be replaced?
- (8) Did the Government refuse to fund the major repairs required to make its building safe?
 - (a) If so, for what reasons?
- (9) Has the Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre now been forced to close its doors, dissolve its board and been taken over by administrators?
- (10) What action will the Government take to ensure that this important tourism and employment facility is made safe for tenants and visitors?
 - (a) When will this action be taken?
- (11) What assistance will the Government be offering to businesses and the Marine Discovery Centre if they are no longer able to occupy the property?
 - (a) When will this assistance be offered?
- (12) In recognition of the important contribution the Marine Discovery makes to the community, what plan does the Government have to assist them to reopen in the current or any other location?

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