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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

Addressed to: Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management

Reference: Aerial shooting of pest species

Hearing Date: 31 July 2024

In relation to: Lack of notification to residents regarding aerial shooting signs

QON lodgement Date: 1/8/24

Answer Due date: 8/8/24

Minister, there were signs indicating shooting in the area of Smiths Road, but residents informed us that they were not notified other than happening to see the sign.

Can you clarify why residents were not informed? Is this how the ACT Government typically Communicates with residents on matters such as this?

Posted on Facebook 24 May 2024

Wonder if they were going to let us know???



Rebecca Vassarotti MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The planning process for these operations identifies properties directly adjacent to the areas where aerial shooting is actively undertaken.

Smiths Road is an area surrounded by a small number of rural lessees. This is not a suburban area where notification may include a wider variety of notification channels.

All attempts are made to contact the neighbours immediately adjacent to closures via text message or phone call. In addition, notification of reserve closures are advertised through social media as well as signage in the vicinity.

Signage is placed at key locations prior to any control programs and is a very effective communication option when other options are not successful.

Aerial shooting programs within the ACT are only conducted on EPSDD land or where consent is provided by the landholder. ACT does not conduct any operations within NSW.

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Signature:



Date: 6/8/2024

By the Minister for the Environment, Parks and Land Management, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA