



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Leanne Castley MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: Wild dogs

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Dr Rosie Cooney took on notice the following question(s):

MS CASTLEY: That is all I need, thank you, because I have got other animals I would like to talk about. Just possibly could you take on notice whether you have got any data on losses experienced by farmers, not just sheep but just estimates of what the current situation is for farmers? So if you have got something you can send me on notice?

Dr Cooney: We can do that.

Ms Cheyne: I think what we could do is we can give you dogs trapped and livestock losses, but livestock losses we cannot definitely attribute to wild dogs or dingos.

MS CASTLEY: And also how many trap permits have been issued to ACT farmers.

Ms Cheyne: Yes.

MS CASTLEY: Yes, great. Thank you.

Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

During the 2025-26 financial year 19 stock losses were reported, and 28 dingoes/wild dogs were trapped by the ACT Government as part of a targeted program in specific areas.

Three animal trapping permits were issued to rural landholders under the *Animal Welfare Act 1992* which permit trapping of wild dogs/dingoes.

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By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA