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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
13 November 2018

Asked by SUZANNE ORR MLA:

In relation to: Data on kangaroo carcasses

THE CHAIR: We shall just move straight to questions. Minister, can you please outline the impact that kangaroo fencing is having on the Tuggeranong Parkway?

Mr Steel: So Tuggeranong Parkway has fairly recently been upgraded with kangaroo fencing and we are seeing the impact of that now with data from Roads ACT. And the number of crashes has reduced considerably, particularly with animals. So there has been a 50 per cent reduction in the number of reported crashes; from 120 down to 60. And there has also been a 50 per cent reduction in the number of dead kangaroos that are being picked up along the Tuggeranong Parkway.

So we think those fences are having an impact and we are certainly looking at the data on our other roadways as to whether that sort of treatment might be useful in the future given the success along the Tuggeranong Parkway.

THE CHAIR: Minister, you mentioned there that it has gone from 120 to 60 reported crashes. You have also said a 50 per cent reduction in the number of kangaroo carcasses taken from the side of the road. Do you have the absolute numbers for carcasses, or—

Mr Steel: I will—thank you. Yes. We will—that data—we do have—

THE CHAIR: Okay.

Mr Steel: —but we will take that on notice. We need to provide that data through the environment, planning, and sustainable development directorate.

MINISTER GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

EPSDD staff have observed and recorded a decline in the number of kangaroo carcasses collected from the fenced section of the Tuggeranong parkway. The number of kangaroo carcasses collected is provided below. Data including the detailed location of kangaroo carcasses has been collected since December 2015.

EPSDD is currently working with Roads and external ecologists to analyse carcass collection results and effectiveness of the Tuggeranong parkway and Majura Parkway fences. More detailed analysis will be available in future.

Year	Total carcasses collected from the Tuggeranong Parkway
2016	130
2017	95
2018	56 as at 13 November 2018

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By the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Mick Gentleman MLA