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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Ms Nicole Lawder on 2 September 2022: Mr Geoffrey Rutledge took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to Exclusion plots for Sambar Deer:

**MS LAWDER:** Going back to deer, but it may also apply to pigs. Do we still have these semi or partial exclusion plots? It is in the report of from 2017.

**Mr Rutledge:** I will look into that, Ms Lawder. I am not familiar with that.

**MS LAWDER:** And, if we still have these partial exclusion plots, are they routinely maintained to ensure that they are still exclusion plots?

**Mr Rutledge:** Again, we have strayed into operation areas beyond, but I am happy to take it on notice and get back to you with some information.

**REBECCA VASSAROTTI MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –**

The initial report on the deer exclusion plots in Namadgi National Park is available at:  
[https://www.environment.act.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/1149015/Technical-report-MONITORING-IMPACTS-OF-SAMBAR-DEER-October-2017.pdf](https://www.environment.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/1149015/Technical-report-MONITORING-IMPACTS-OF-SAMBAR-DEER-October-2017.pdf)

The exclusion areas were due to be monitored every two years, however it should be noted that the 2019/20 bushfire prevented one monitoring occurrence.

The plots were planned to be inspected and monitored in Spring 2022. However, the outcomes of the 2022 thermally assisted aerial shooting program and general observations indicate deer abundance is very low due to ongoing control. The value of ongoing monitoring in the presence of low densities will be assessed before further monitoring occurs.

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Signature: 

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By the [Minister for the Environment, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA