



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: Soft Jaw Traps

Hearing: 12 November 2025

In relation to: Soft Jaw Traps

Question received: 20 November 2025

Answer Due: 27 November 2025

(1) Did the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) provide advice on the original decision to ban soft jaw traps?

(a) If yes, was the advice provided to the relevant Minister at the time?

(b) Has the advice been provided to the current Minister for City Services?

(c) What did the advice say?

(d) Can the advice be tabled for the Committee?

(2) Did AWAC provide advice on the 2025 decision to authorise soft jaw traps?

(a) Has the advice been provided to the current Minister for City Services?

(b) What did the advice say?

(c) Can the advice be tabled for the Committee?

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

(1) No.

(a) N/A.

(b) N/A.

(c) N/A.

(2) No. The Animal Welfare Authority (the Authority) considered the need to balance the welfare of livestock, dingoes and wild dogs and consulted with operational staff and the Conservator of Flora and Fauna (established under the *Nature Conservation Act 2014*). The Directorate did not consult with AWAC in relation to the development of these amendments.

The Authority subsequently briefed AWAC on the regulatory change to permit the use of soft jaw traps.

(a) N/A.

(b) N/A.

(c) N/A.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

Signature:



Date:

27/11/25

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