

FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT — UNALLOCATED CROWN LAND

1520. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the 22 November 2019 ABC News article titled “Feral animal invasion leads WA graziers to renew call for access to restricted firearms” in which Wiluna pastoralist Tim Carmody stated that the reinfestation of camels on his station is from unallocated crown land. What pest control measures are being undertaken on unallocated crown land to help landholders control feral animals?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions undertakes feral animal control on unallocated crown land to address priority conservation threats and neighbour impacts. This includes delivering collaborative feral animal control with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, recognised biosecurity groups and other organisations, such as Desert Support Services, with which a contract is in place to deliver camel control on native title lands. The DBCA also partners with multiple recreational hunting groups to deliver feral animal control across different land tenures, including UCL, to increase the effectiveness of feral animal management in Western Australia.