

FERAL PIGS — SOUTH WEST

308. Hon LOUISE KINGSTON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to feral pig pest management in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' south west region managed reserves.

- (1) How many feral pigs have been destroyed in the year to date?
- (2) How many feral pigs were destroyed for each of the last five annual reporting periods?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment I provide the following answer.

- (1) In the 2023–24 financial year, monitoring of high value conservation sites for pig damage by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions staff has been undertaken, but no pigs have been destroyed.
- (2) The answer is in tabular form and I seek leave to have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

During the five-year period, a variety of pig control techniques including shooting, trapping and baiting have been implemented across multiple reserves and DBCA- managed lands in DBCA's South West Region. It is not possible to quantify the exact number of pigs killed with baiting techniques.

Financial Year	Estimated numbers of pigs killed
2018/19	9
2019/20	15
2020/21	8
2021/22	21
2022/23	3

The figures provided do not include any pig control activities that may have been undertaken on DBCA-managed lands by other organisations such as Regional Biosecurity Groups.
