

NATIVE ANIMALS — PETS

138. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to concerns raised by animal rescue organisations regarding the treatment of rescued native animals that cannot, for one reason or another, be returned to the wild.

- (1) Is it government policy for those animals to be sold into the pet trade?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many native animals have been sold to the pet trade since January 2024?
- (3) Is there a time limit on how long registered native animal rescue and rehabilitation organisations can hold and care for native animals?

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.

A response to this question will be provided to Hon Neil Thomson on Thursday, 14 March 2024.