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To: Environment and Public Affairs Committee
Cc: David Trevaskis; Alex Wiese; Ric Halse

**Subject:** City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder"s Response to Petition No. 020 - Dog Act 1976

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## Dear Mr Foster

Thank you for your correspondence dated 06/12/2021. Please see the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's (City) responses to your questions below:

- 1. In the last 5 years, in relation to the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder, how many:
  - dog attacks have been reported?

362 dog attacks were reported.

• how many infringement notices have been issued for offences relating to dog attacks? What fines have been imposed and what were the circumstances of the offences? 212 infringements and 88 warnings have been issued.

The offences include:

- Dog attack causing injury;
- Dog attack not causing injury;
- Dog not registered;
- Dog in place without consent;
- Dog not held on a leash in a public place.
- how many prosecutions have been bought?
- 4 prosecutions have been undertaken.
- how many dogs have been declared dangerous?
- 17 dogs were declared dangerous.
- how many dogs have been seized and/or destroyed in response to a dog attack?
  42 dogs were destroyed.
- how many dogs have been seized but then returned to their owners following impoundment as a result of a reported dog attack?
   45 dogs were seized and returned.
- how many owners, if any, have been compelled to attend training courses? The City has no framework for a dog owner to be compelled to attend training courses this can only be ordered by the Court.
- of the dogs who have previously attacked, what follow-up (if any) occurs to ensure owners are continuing to comply with their obligations (for example, in relation to signage, fencing and muzzling).

There is an annual follow-up for dangerous dog(s) to ensure legislative requirements are being met. With regards to follow-ups on dogs involved in attacks, a property inspection conducted by Community Rangers ensures that the property is secure when confining the dog(s).

- 2. What process is available for local residents to report dog attacks?

  The City has an on-call ranger service available 24/7, therefore members of the public can report a dog attack at any time.
- 3. How many rangers does the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder employ?

## The City employs 5 Community Rangers and a Coordinator.

4. Any other information or comment which may assist the Committee with its enquiries. No further information or comment.

If you have any further questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## Regards



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