

WILD DOGS AND FOXES — BOUNTY PROGRAM

378. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the trial of bounties for the destruction of wild dogs.

- (1) Have there been any claims under the trial bounty program?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many wild dog scalps have been claimed?
- (3) Will the minister extend the program?
- (4) Will foxes be included in the program?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The program is in the early stages. Scalps were delivered last week and information is still coming in. Fifty-eight scalps have been delivered to Challa Station.
- (3) A review will be made of the program and an assessment will be made on the conclusion of the trial.
- (4) The Department of Agriculture and Food will be consulting with the relevant groups interested in a bounty system.