

QUOBBA STATION — FERAL GOATS

433. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to question on notice 2675 asked in the Legislative Council on Thursday, 16 September 2010.

- (1) What is the current density of the goat population in the vicinity of Quobba station?
- (2) In 2010, the minister said that the destruction in the Red Bluff area was caused by the effects of drought, rather than overgrazing. Does the minister still believe this is a true and accurate assessment today?
- (3) If yes to (2), why?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1) The most recent information, as at June 2013, indicates that 883 goats were removed from Quobba station. This equates to an average density of approximately 1.2 goats removed per square kilometre.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) No more recent information regarding rangeland conditions on Quobba station has become available since 2010.
- (4) Not applicable.