

QUOBBA, GNARALOO AND WARROORA STATIONS — FERAL GOATS

563. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

- (1) How many goats have been removed from Quobba, Gnaraloo and Warroora stations in the last seven years by year?
- (2) Has this reduced the number of goats on these properties over the last seven years?
- (3) If yes to (2), by how many per property?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) From the information available, an estimated 20 173 goats have been removed from the three stations over the past seven years. This is made up as follows.

At Quobba station, 6 006 goats were removed over the seven-year period: in 2008–09, 801; in 2009–10, 1 223; in 2010–11, zero; in 2011–12, 1 089; in 2012–13, 789; and in 2013–14, 754 plus 1 350 shot.

At Gnaraloo station, 700 to 800 goats have been removed each year since 2009, with the exception of 2010 when there was no road access due to flooding.

At Warroora station, 11 178 goats were removed in the seven-year period. Annual figures are not provided.

- (2) Yes; a significant reduction is reported for each of the three stations.
- (3) At Quobba station, 6 006 goats were removed over the seven-year period. At Gnaraloo station, a total of 3 000 goats is assumed on the basis of an average of 750 goats removed annually for the four-year period excluding 2010. At Warroora station, seven years ago, 2 500 goats were being removed annually, which has reduced progressively to fewer than 800 being removed annually.