

PASTORAL LANDS — FERAL ANIMAL CULLING MANAGEMENT

**791. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:**

I refer to recent reports regarding delays in large herbivore culling operations by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

- (1) What is the reason for the delays?
- (2) What actions are currently being undertaken to ensure that there are no further delays?
- (3) Have the delays resulted in any adverse impacts or biosecurity outcomes?
- (4) If yes to (3), please detail the extent of those impacts.

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) Aerial culling of large herbivores requires skilled staff with a category-D firearms licence. Capacity to undertake this work depends on the availability of trained staff. However, in March 2023, DPIRD undertook an aerial feral pig control program in the midwest in partnership with Northern Biosecurity Group. Other aerial operations will be commencing within two months, including a donkey program in the Kimberley.
- (3) Not that we are aware of.
- (4) Not applicable.