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Parliamentary Inquiry

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Economic contribution of recreational hunting in Victoria study

Purpose of the study:

- Research into economic contribution of recreational hunting by game licence holders
- Establish an expenditure profile for hunting activities associated with different hunted species
- Surveying hunters' on trip & off-trip spending i.e. how much \$, what on and where spent
- Model direct and flow-on economic contribution to the Victorian economy
- Results reported as:
 - gross and net economic contribution during 2019
 - by animal group, LGA, regional townships
 - comparison with 2013 survey
- Small social component seeking insight into indicators of personal wellbeing, social capital and general health of hunters

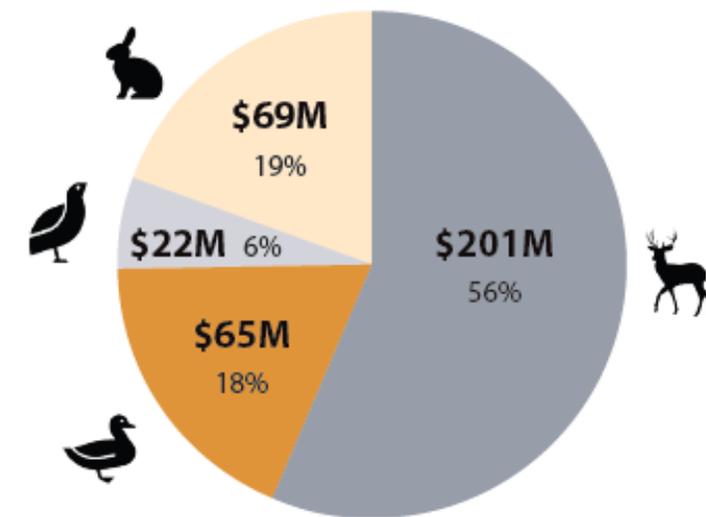
Commissioned by Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR)

- undertaken by RMCG in collaboration with BDO EconSearch, Action Market Research and JS Consulting

Economic contribution of recreational hunting by game licence holders, 2019

Gross economic contribution

INDICATOR	DIRECT	FLOW ON	TOTAL
Gross State Product	\$160M	\$196M	\$356M
Employment FTE jobs	1,626	1,513	3,138



Net economic contribution

INDICATOR	LOW	HIGH
Gross State Product	\$57M	\$19M
Employment FTE jobs	627	246



Scenarios dependent on substitutability assumptions

Health and well being

Social component of survey:

- To provide some additional insight into hunters' motivations, other activities they enjoy and health and well being

Hunters reported:

- Higher scores for personal well being, social capital and general health than general population
- Survey responses were compared with Victorian results of an annual national study
 - University of Canberra *Regional Wellbeing Survey* that examines the wellbeing of individuals and communities in rural and regional communities in Australia.
- Reasons for the differences were not explored
 - noting hunters had relatively higher level of education and income compared with Victorian population

Thank you