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² Elected 14 March 2015

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ALP — Labor Party; Greens — The Greens;
Ind — Independent; LP — Liberal Party; Nats — The Nationals.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.
 Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Assembly.
 Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.
 The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

Tuesday, 17 March 2015

Environment, climate change and water

- 8.** Mr **BATTIN** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— what were the dates of the last three environmental audits, reports or studies undertaken by or for the Department at the Stony Creek Reserve, Melbourne.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Stony Creek Reserve is managed by Parks Victoria under a Committee of Management arrangement. In addition, the Friends of Stony Creek group are an active group that work to restore native vegetation and protect the Stony Creek and the Reserve. The friends group conduct plantings, clean-ups, weeding, tours and talks about the area. The Maribyrnong City Council has prepared the “Stony Creek Future Directions Plan” which consists of four Masterplans that consider the future improvements to four key sections of Stony Creek. I am advised that under the term of the previous Coalition Government, the department did not undertake any environmental audits, reports or studies with reference to Stony Creek Reserve.

Environment, climate change and water

- 9.** Mr **BATTIN** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to Stony Creek Reserve, Melbourne, have environmental audits, reports or studies undertaken by or for the Department found the presence of:

- (1) Drooping She-oak.
- (2) River Red Gum.
- (3) Yellow Gum.
- (4) Yellow Box.
- (5) Grey Box.
- (6) White Cypress Pine.
- (7) Blackwood.
- (8) Silver Wattle.
- (9) Black Wattle.
- (10) Golden Wattle.
- (11) Lightwood.
- (12) Sweet Bursaria.
- (13) Small-leaved Clematis.
- (14) Rock Correa.
- (15) Turkey-bush.
- (16) Rosemary grevillea.
- (17) Tree Violet.
- (18) Dense Shrub-violet.
- (19) Tangled Lignum.

- (20) Mealy Saltbush.
- (21) Kangaroo Grass.
- (22) Windmill Grass.
- (23) Black Brown Wallaby Grass.
- (24) Chocolate Lily.
- (25) Small Vanilla Lily.
- (26) Bulbine Lily.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Stony Creek Reserve is managed by Parks Victoria under a Committee of Management arrangement. In addition, the Friends of Stony Creek group are an active group that work to restore native vegetation and protect the Stony Creek and the Reserve. The friends group conduct plantings, clean-ups, weeding, tours and talks about the area. The Maribyrnong City Council has prepared the “Stony Creek Future Directions Plan” which consists of four Masterplans that consider future improvements to four key sections of Stony Creek. I am advised that under the term of the previous Coalition Government, the department did not undertake any environmental audits, reports or studies with reference to Stony Creek Reserve.

Environment, climate change and water

10. Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to Stony Creek Reserve, Melbourne, have environmental audits, reports or studies undertaken by or for the Department found the presence of:

- (1) Nankeen kestrel.
- (2) Hoary headed grebe.
- (3) Barn owl.
- (4) White plumed honeyeater.
- (5) Pacific heron.
- (6) White faced heron.
- (7) Red wattlebird.
- (8) Little wattlebird.
- (9) Silvereeye.
- (10) Willie wagtail.
- (11) Magpie lark.
- (12) Silver gull.
- (13) Sacred ibis.
- (14) Black cormorant.
- (15) Pied cormorant.
- (16) Rainbow lorikeet.
- (17) Raven.
- (18) Blackbird.
- (19) Common mynah.
- (20) Starling.
- (21) Rock dove.
- (22) Spotted turtle dove.
- (23) Sparrow.

- (24) Song thrush.
- (25) Masked plover.
- (26) Welcome swallow.
- (27) Black duck.
- (28) Musk lorikeet.
- (29) Purple crown lorikeet.
- (30) Great egret.
- (31) Chestnut teal.
- (32) Brown falcon.
- (33) European gold finch.
- (34) Golden headed cysticola.
- (35) Superb fairy wren.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Stony Creek Reserve is managed by Parks Victoria under a Committee of Management arrangement. In addition, the Friends of Stony Creek group are an active group that work to restore native vegetation and protect the Stony Creek and the Reserve. The friends group conduct plantings, clean-ups, weeding, tours and talks about the area. The Maribyrnong City Council has prepared the “Stony Creek Future Directions Plan” which consists of four Masterplans that consider the future improvements to four key sections of Stony Creek. I am advised that under the term of the previous Coalition Government, the department did not undertake any environmental audits, reports or studies with reference to Stony Creek Reserve.

Environment, climate change and water

11. Mr **BATTIN** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to Stony Creek Reserve, Melbourne, have environmental audits, reports or studies undertaken by or for the Department found the presence of:

- (1) Lemon Beauty-heads.
- (2) Milky Beauty-heads.
- (3) Pink Bindweed.
- (4) Blue Devil.
- (5) Running Postman.
- (6) Yam Daisy.
- (7) Creeping Myoporum.
- (8) Golden Billy Buttons.
- (9) Bidgee widgee.
- (10) Tall Sedge.
- (11) Plains Sedge.
- (12) Rush Sedge.
- (13) Black-anther Flax-lily.
- (14) Pale Flax-lily.
- (15) Kidney Weed.

- (16) Nodding Saltbush.
- (17) Ruby Saltbush.
- (18) Spiny-headed Mat-rush.
- (19) Knobby Club-rush.
- (20) Hollow Rush.
- (21) Yellow Rush.
- (22) River Mint.
- (23) Small-leaf Bramble.
- (24) Swampweed.
- (25) Slender Speedwell.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Stony Creek Reserve is managed by Parks Victoria under a Committee of Management arrangement. In addition, the Friends of Stony Creek group are an active group that work to restore native vegetation and protect the Stony Creek and the Reserve. The friends group conduct plantings, clean-ups, weeding, tours and talks about the area. The Maribyrnong City Council has prepared the “Stony Creek Future Directions Plan” which consists of four Masterplans that consider the future improvements to four key sections of Stony Creek. I am advised that under the term of the previous Coalition Government, the department did not undertake any environmental audits, reports or studies with reference to Stony Creek Reserve.

Environment, climate change and water

12. Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of the European hare and the European rabbit on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
- (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
- (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of European hare and European rabbit on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) managed land is publically available in the Department’s End of Year Report for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of European hare and European rabbit control on DELWP managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the DELWP website and in the next State of the Environment and State of the Forests Reports.

Environment, climate change and water

13. Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of feral or wild goats on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
- (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
- (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of feral or wild goats on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) managed land is publically available in the Department’s End of Year Report for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of feral or wild goat control on DELWP managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the DELWP website and the next State of the Environment and State of the Forests Reports.

Environment, climate change and water

14. Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— With reference to the pest management of feral or wild pigs on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
- (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
- (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of feral or wild pigs on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) managed land is publically available in the Department’s End of Year Report for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of feral or wild pig control on DELWP managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the DELWP website and in the next State of the Environment and State of the Forests Reports.

Environment, climate change and water

15. Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of foxes, including red foxes, on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
- (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
- (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of foxes, including red foxes on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) managed land is publically available in the Department's End of Year Report for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of fox control on DELWP managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the DELWP website and in the next State of the Environment and State of the Forests Reports.

Environment, climate change and water

16. Mr **BATTIN** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of wild dogs on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
- (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
- (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of wild dogs on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The budget for wild dog control for 2013–14 is available in the former Department of Environment and Primary Industries annual report. Locations of wild dog control on Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) managed land for 2013–14 is readily available on the DELWP website.

Environment, climate change and water

17. Mr **BATTIN** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of wild or feral horses and brumbies on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
- (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
- (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of wild or feral horses and brumbies on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) managed land is publically available in the Department's End of Year Report for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of wild horses and brumbies control on DELWP managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the DELWP website and in the next State of the Environment and State of the Forests Reports.

Environment, climate change and water

18. Mr **BATTIN** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of all species of deer on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
- (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.

- (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of all species of deer on land managed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) managed land is publically available in the Department's End of Year Report for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of deer control on DELWP managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the DELWP website and in the next State of the Environment and State of the Forests Reports.

Environment, climate change and water

- 19.** Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of the European hare and the European rabbit on land managed by Parks Victoria:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
 (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
 (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of European hare and European rabbit on land managed by Parks Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Parks Victoria (PV) managed land is publically available in the Parks Victoria End of Year Review for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of European hare and European rabbit control on PV managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website and in the next State of the Environment and the State of the Forests Reports.

Environment, climate change and water

- 20.** Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of feral or wild goats on land managed by Parks Victoria:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
 (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
 (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of feral or wild goats on land managed by Parks Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Parks Victoria (PV) managed land is publically available in the Parks Victoria End of Year Review for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of feral or wild goat control on PV managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website and in the next State of the Environment and State of the Forests Reports.

Environment, climate change and water

21. Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of feral or wild pigs on land managed by Parks Victoria:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
- (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
- (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of feral or wild pigs on land managed by Parks Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Parks Victoria (PV) managed land is publically available in the Parks Victoria End of Year Review for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of wild pig control on PV managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website and in the next State of the Environment and State of the Forests Reports.

Environment, climate change and water

22. Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of foxes, including red foxes, on land managed by Parks Victoria:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
- (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
- (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of foxes, including red foxes, on land managed by Parks Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Parks Victoria (PV) managed land is publically available in the Parks Victoria End of Year Review for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of wild fox control on PV managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website and in the next State of the Environment and State of the Forests Reports.

Environment, climate change and water

23. Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of wild dogs on land managed by Parks Victoria:

- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
- (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
- (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of wild dogs on land managed by Parks Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The locations of wild dog control on Park Victoria managed land for 2013–14 is readily available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website. The program was administered by the former

Department of Environment and Primary Industries and therefore the budget for wild dog control for 2013–14 is available in the annual report for that year.

Environment, climate change and water

- 24. Mr BATTIN** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of wild or feral horses and brumbies on land managed by Parks Victoria:
- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
 - (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
 - (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of wild or feral horses and brumbies on land managed by Parks Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Parks Victoria (PV) managed land is publically available in the Parks Victoria End of Year Review for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of wild horses and brumbies control on PV managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website and in the next State of the Environment and State of the Forests Reports.

Environment, climate change and water

- 25. Mr BATTIN** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water— with reference to the pest management of all species of deer on land managed by Parks Victoria:
- (1) What is the annual cost of pest management for 2013–14.
 - (2) What is the name of all public lands where prevention and management has taken place.
 - (3) As of 31 January 2015, what is the last known number of all species of deer on land managed by Parks Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total annual cost of invasive species control on Parks Victoria (PV) managed land is publically available in the Parks Victoria End of Year Review for 2013–14. However, the annual cost and locations of wild deer control on PV managed land for 2013–14 was not published by the previous government. Current and historical invasive species management data will be made available to the public through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website and in the next State of the Environment and State of the Forests Reports.

Housing, disability and ageing

- 82. Ms SANDELL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — what action is the Government taking in relation to the previous Coalition Government’s policy to transfer 12 000 public housing units to the community sector.

ANSWER:

I can advise that:

- The Victorian Government believes that all Victorians have a right to secure, affordable and appropriate housing, and reliable and accessible services. A strong and sustainable social housing sector is critical to ensuring that all Victorians can own or rent housing that meets their needs.

- The community housing sector has an important role to play in improving and expanding housing assistance to disadvantaged groups, and we are committed to promoting and expanding not-for-profit, community-based housing associations.
- The Government is keen to examine the different options to expand the sector's role and the kinds of benefits this could deliver for tenants, for asset improvement, and for local area renewal and local services.