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Parliament of New South Wales,
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Proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park – Post-hearing responses

Dear Ms Hart,

Thank you for the opportunity for Department of Primary Industries representatives to appear before the NSW Legislative Council's Animal Welfare Committee on 23 May 2024 for the Inquiry into proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park.

Dr Lisa Szabo, Chief Executive Officer for the NSW Food Authority and Mr Greg Vakaci, Director Compliance gave evidence on behalf of NSW Department of Primary Industries at the inquiry into proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park.

Dr Szabo and Mr Vakaci have reviewed the uncorrected transcripts and offer a transcript correction attached to this letter.

One question was taken on notice and a response is also attached.

Yours sincerely,

John Tracey
Deputy Director General
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QUESTION ON NOTICE: Animal Welfare Committee inquiry into proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park

Date asked: 23/05/2024

QUESTION

Hurst, Emma Hurst (AJP, LC Member) to the witnesses Dr Lisa Szabo and Mr Greg Vakaci.

- (1) Has any evidence from what the NSW Food Authority has gathered been given to any other departments? I understand that the Premier's Department and the Environment Minister are also looking at their own investigation. Has there been any sort of sharing of information from those investigations?

ANSWER

- (1) Yes, the NSW Food Authority has shared information with other government departments and enforcement agencies. The following agencies attended the Premier's Department roundtable on 19 April 2024 to provide situation updates: Department of Primary Industries (inclusive NSW Food Authority), Local Land Services, NSW Police, Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade, Greyhound Welfare Integrity Commission, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, NSW Environment Protection Authority, Wagga Wagga City Council, RSPCA NSW, The Cabinet Office, Department of Regional NSW and the Office of Local Government.