

## LANDS ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WOTHOUT NOTICE

**The Hon. GREG PEARCE:** Do we have statistics for the number of applications that have been

received but have not yet been dealt with?

**Mr WATKINS:** I do not have that before me here.

**The Hon. GREG PEARCE:** Would you mind taking that on notice?

**Mr WATKINS:** Yes, certainly, we will take that on notice.

**CHAIR:** Could you also give an indication of when you think they will be dealt with? What is the time

line for getting through the bulk of them?

**Mr WATKINS:** We will come back with a holistic reply to that.

**Answer:** As at 1 October 2010, there are 2500 applications being finalised. It is LPMA's target to have all 2500 assessed for environmental value by the end of this calendar year and the conversions finalised by the end of the 2010-11 financial year.

**The Hon. GREG PEARCE:** Who is conducting the feasibility study and the business study for Snug

Cove, and when are they likely to respond?

**The Hon. TONY KELLY:** We will provide that information on notice.

**Answer:** The feasibility study and Business case are being prepared by GHD Consultants and their work is expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

**The Hon. ROBERT BORSAK:** Yes. The issues are around smaller shooting ranges rather than larger shooting complexes. We would be better off having a regional range rather than a bunch of small ranges that

would be continually encroached upon. If we set them up correctly under law they should have long and useful

lives. How much did the authority, or prior to that the department, spend in 2009-10 on feral animal control

programs and how much does it expect to spend this financial year? What was the total number of feral animals

culled on land controlled by the authority and, specifically, pigs, foxes, goats, cats, dogs and deer?

**The Hon. TONY KELLY:** We will take that question on notice.

**Mr WATKINS:** I can provide the expenditure but not the numbers.

**Mr COSTELLO:** The expenditure is approximately \$500,000 a year.

**The Hon. TONY KELLY:** We will provide the specific details.

**Answer:** The Government approved an allocation of \$745,000 towards weeds and pest control over NSW Crown Lands in 2009/10. A similar amount is expected to be allocated in 2010/11.

Of this amount, expenditure of \$190,000, including \$38,000 towards the fox abatement plan,

was approved for pest control over NSW Crown Lands in 2009/10. A similar amount is expected to be allocated in 2010/11.”

**Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE:** Would you be in a position to table the terms of reference of the review that you have given to Mr Morgan?

**Mr WATKINS:** I am happy to table the areas of reference relating to the investigation.

**Answer:** The Terms of Reference for Mr Shaughn Morgan are to evaluate LPMA’s performance, and make any suggestions for the continuing roll out of the Perpetual Lease Conversion Program and the Crown Road Closure and Sale Program. The overall objectives of the two programs are:

#### **Perpetual Lease Conversion Program**

Convert eligible perpetual leases to freehold to eliminate unnecessary administration over land where there is no public value in maintaining Crown ownership.

#### **Crown Road Closure and Sale Program**

1. The closure and disposal of Crown roads, no longer required for public access, to eliminate unnecessary administration and management.
2. Achieve an equitable return to the State on Crown road disposal as well as on retained Crown roads.

**Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE:** Has there been any update of the Crown Lands Business Directory for commercial leases and licences since 7 September 2004?

**Mr WATKINS:** Have you got something specific you would like to ask me?

**Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE:** I am wondering whether the 7 September 2004 business directory is the most current one or it been updated.

**Mr WATKINS:** I will take it on notice because I am not familiar with the document you are referring to.

**Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE:** When you take it on notice, could you take on notice whether there is

any other relevant document relating to the terms and provisions of commercial leases and licences that applies to the Land and Property Management Authority?

**Mr WATKINS:** Sure. I refer the honourable member to our very detailed website, which has all the

policies pertaining to what you are referring to. There are no other policies outside those referenced there. When

I come back with a reply, I will be replying on that basis.

**Answer:** If the member is referring to the Business “Directive”, then I can advise that the Crown Lands NSW Business Directive for Commercial Leases and Licences, dated 7 September 2004 is the current approved document. The document has been reviewed and updated to reflect a more commercial focus but is yet to be formally approved. As stated other relevant policies are located on the LPMA Website.