

Questions on notice – Parks Victoria

1. **Please provide the following totals and subtotals relating to the management of feral horses for each financial year (or calendar year) from 2018-19 to now:**

- a. **Total number of feral horses trapped**

- i. **Total number of feral horses rehomed after trapping**

Parks Victoria is committed to rehoming feral horses to the extent that suitable rehoming applicants can be found.

Seventy horses were rehomed from the Alps in 2019. No horses have been rehomed from the Alps since 2020 due to legal challenges (injunctions), the impact of bushfires and COVID-19 restrictions and the closure of the Bogong High Plains Road.

- ii. **Total number of feral horses sent to a knackery after trapping**

Parks Victoria does not support the live capture and transport of feral horses with an ultimate destination of culling at a knackery or abattoir.

Parks Victoria does not send feral horses from the Alpine National Park to knackeries.

- b. **Total number of feral horses shot**

- i. **Total number of feral horses ground shot**

To protect the safety and welfare of Parks Victoria staff, contractors and community members, operational details (such as timing and location of feral horse control operations and outcomes) are not publicly released.

- ii. **Total number of feral horses aerial shot**

While aerial shooting is an approved method of managing feral horses in Victoria, aerial shooting of feral horses has not been used in the Alpine National Park to date.

- c. **Total number of feral horses managed using other methods, e.g fertility control etc**

The option of fertility control has been investigated but is not seen as a solution for reducing feral horse numbers.

Sixty-seven feral horses were roped and removed from the Eastern Alps in 2019 but this technique is no longer used due to animal and operator safety concerns.