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Senator Rhiannon asked:

Western Grey Kangaroos are no longer allowed to be commercially shot in Queensland, however it is recognised that it is difficult to tell the species apart from Eastern Grey Kangaroos:

a) Given in 1986 "open seasons" were declared for Western Grey Kangaroos in Queensland, when were the species no longer allowed to be commercially shot, and why did this occur?

b) What are the current numbers of Western Grey Kangaroos persisting in Queensland?

Answer:

- a) The state and territory governments have responsibility to monitor and manage their respective kangaroo populations. This is a matter that the Queensland State Government may be able to answer.
- b) State governments are responsible for the acquisition and analysis of population data.