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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Rhiannon asked:

Victoria has been opened up the commercial shooting of kangaroos:

1. Please provide data for the numbers and quantities of kangaroo products being exported from Victorian-shot kangaroos.
2. What is the baseline population estimate of Victoria's kangaroos?
3. What is the methodology of any Victorian kangaroo population estimate survey?

Answer:

1. Export data for the three approved small-scale kangaroo wildlife trade operations in Victoria associated with the Victorian pet food trial (March 2015 to present) is not yet available, as the export permits for this period are yet to be fully acquitted and data uploaded.
2. There is no overall baseline kangaroo population estimate for the Victorian pet food trial. The Victorian Government instead used the previous ten years of data of the non-commercial harvest associated with the Victorian pet food trial regions.
3. See answer 2.