

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Hearing: Additional Estimates
Outcome: Outcome 1
Program: Wildlife Heritage and Marine Division (WHM)
Topic: Kangaroo Mass Mortalities
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Question Type: Written

Senator Rhiannon asked:

The ex-department vet was also reported as stating that the cause could be an infectious disease process, and that plant poisoning and starvation have been ruled out as causes in previous mass mortality epidemics.

- i. Have any of the pathogens or their vectors been identified in this or any other previous mass mortality events of kangaroos?
- ii. Please provide a copy of the pathogens tested and the outcomes of those tests.
- iii. How many of the dead kangaroos were autopsied in the latest mortality epidemic?
Please provide the outcomes of those autopsies.

Answer:

Issues relating to kangaroo health are a matter for state governments. The Department suggests that the question be put to the New South Wales Government.