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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

I was told that the three commercial kangaroo businesses allowed to operate in Victoria had a quota of 16,000 kangaroos.

- a) Please provide details on those localities or regions and the quota (and take if available) for each of those regions.
- b) Please provide the data for numbers of kangaroos actually shot in Victoria for the commercial industry.
- c) Previously I was advised the Victorian Government is not providing data for female: male roos shot. Why is the Dept of Environment not insisting on this important scientific data?

Answer:

- a) Commercial kangaroo processors were permitted to operate only in the Hume and Grampians Pet Food Trial regions. Take was limited by the number of kangaroos that farmers were permitted to shoot under state Authority to Control Wildlife permits. As of 10 November 2016, a total of 14,237 kangaroos were reported to the Department as being processed during the initial pet trial period that ended on 31 March 2016.
- b) Refer to answer a).
- c) Collection of male and female data is not a requirement for approval of a wildlife trade operation under the EPBC Act.