

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

Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

Is the department aware that VIP Pet Foods blamed declining numbers of kangaroos in Western Australia for its decision to close its kangaroo processing plant in Perth?

Answer:

No.

The Department’s assessment of the *Management Plan for the Commercial Harvest of Kangaroos in Western Australia 2014–2018* found that the industry was managed in an ecologically sustainable manner, and that the harvest rates from each commercial harvest region were set conservatively.