

Estimates Committee 2009 Questions Taken On Notice

(16/6/2009 to 19/6/2009)

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Subject: Mimosa infestations - Mary and Adelaide River catchments

From: Mr Gerry Wood to Hon Alison Anderson
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Question: **8-8**
Minister, you also said in that report that you have significantly reduced mimosa infestations in the Adelaide and Mary River catchments. Could you quantify what you mean by 'significantly reduced'? Could you give us a report on the state of the beetles that over the last few years have been released and their impact on mimosa?

Answer:
Answered On: 18/06/2009
Answer: Two biocontrol agents identified for the control of Mimosa. The first is being reared for release now in Australia. The second agent is not approved for release in Australia and is undergoing assessment in Queensland. There are several thousand acres of Mimosa on national park in the Adelaide River and Mary River catchments. The control work of this infestation of Mimosa has been reduced to requiring treatment of seedling re-growth only. There are no longer any large adult plants.