

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick to the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture:

Hunting Permits – 2018/2019 season

1. How many hunting permits were issued for the 2018/2019 hunting season?
2. How many hunting permits were issued to children over 12 and under 18 years of age supervised by an adult?
3. How many hunting permits were not approved?
4. Was there any action taken by police or parks and wildlife officers as to breaches of waterfowl hunting permits, use of guns or use of bows? If so, how many infringement notices were issued?
5. Did the Government install any vehicle road recorder devices entering to any hunting reserves and if so, what was the number of vehicles entering each reserve?

Answers:

1. There were 3385 Waterfowl Hunting permits valid for the 2018-19 Waterfowl Hunting Season (1 October 2018 to 2 January 2019). The majority of these were five-year permits that were current at the commencement of the Season. 628 new permits were issued during the 2018-19 Hunting Season, comprising 424 one year permits and 204 five-year permits.
2. For the 2018-19 Hunting Season, there were 109 valid permits that listed a total of 144 nominees that were children between 12 and 18 years of age (supervised by an adult, some permits listed more than one nominee). Fifty eight of those were one year permits listing 75 nominees and 51 were five-year permits listing 69 nominees.

3. One permit was not approved during the 2018-19 Hunting Season.
4. There was one police prosecution, eight Penalty Infringement Notices, three warning letters and 41 verbal warnings issued in relation to the 2018-19 Hunting Season.
5. Harrison Dam Conservation Area recorded 5584 vehicles entering the reserve during the 2018-19 Hunting Season, an increase from 3494 vehicles for the 2017-18 Hunting Season. The other reserves, such as Shoal Bay Hunting Reserve, have numerous access points and road counters are not practical.