

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Purick to the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security:

Crocodile Management

1. How many crocodile farms are there in the Northern Territory and where are they located and what is the ownership – that is, company name and/or individual name or organization under the Associations Act NT?
2. Do all the operational farms in the NT (including hatcheries and tourism ventures) have a “permit to keep protected wildlife” and if so, what is the commencement date of the permit and renewal dates for each farm or venture?
3. Do valid permits have generic requirements and specific requirements in regards to biosecurity and if so, what are they?
4. Are crocodile farms required to submit an operational farm plan to the government for approval and adherence to any permit conditions?
5. Do all crocodile farms have a biosecurity plan as agreed to following the outbreak of chlamydiosis in 2006 and if not, why not and are these plans reviewed on an annual basis by government officials?
6. How many reports have been made of crocodiles that have escaped, are believed to have escaped, or have been stolen from farms in and around Darwin during the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2022?
7. How many physical compliance inspections of farms in and around Darwin have been undertaken from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2022 to ensure permit conditions, including fencing, are adhered to?
8. How many of those inspections were programmed and how many were random audits?
9. Were any permit breaches identified as a result of those inspections and, if so, what were the actions taken in regard to those breaches?
10. What was the value of production for the 2021/2022 year?
11. Is the Northern Territory Crocodile Farming Industry strategic plan being reviewed given it expired in 2021 and if not, why not?