

Estimates Committee 2011
Questions Taken On Notice

(14/06/2011 to 23/06/2011)

Date: 21/06/2011 Output:
Sub Output:
Subject: Crocodile Management-Number Culled and Carcass Disposal

From:Mr Gerry Wood to Mr Karl Hampton
Department of Natural Resources Environment the Arts and Sport

Question: 7-7
How many crocodiles were shot - not trapped and relocated - in 2009-10 and to date, 2010-11, and what happens to the carcasses?

Answer:
Answered On: 08/08/2011

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 21 June 2011
Output: Protected Areas & Conservation
Sub Output: Conservation Management Programs

Subject: Crocodile capture

From: Minister Hampton To: Member for Nelson

Department: Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport

Number: 7.07

Question: How many crocodiles were shot - not trapped and relocated - in 2009-10 and to date, 2010-11, and what happens to the carcasses

Answer:

The majority of the problem crocodiles captured by the NT Government are kept alive and are transferred to a local crocodile farm.

Occasionally very large or very aggressive animals may be shot where harpooning and live capture is not possible, the risk to staff is too great or local police believe that the animal poses a serious threat to the public.

Where a problem crocodile is shot, the carcass is left to decay naturally.

Private contractors may undertake the removal of a 'problem' animal on private or pastoral land under an approved permit to take protected wildlife. These animals are either shot and skinned at a local crocodile farm or transported live to a crocodile farm if they have potential breeding use.

Calendar year	2009	2010	2011
Estimate of number of crocodiles shot under approved actions	5	7	2