

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms Purick to the Minister for Agribusiness and Aquaculture:

**Animal Welfare**

For the calendar years of 2020 and 2021, please provide the following details in regards to the animal welfare legislation:

- 1. For each year, how many complaints of mistreatment of animals did the Department receive for Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs?**

2020 - 468 investigations in town centres

2021 - 349 investigations to date

- 2. For each year, how many of the complaints received for the localities of Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs went on to be investigated and how many resulted in legal action via a Court matter?**

- All complaints received are investigated
- For 2020, 5 investigations resulted in Court action; 9 investigations resulted in section 67 Directions Notices to take action being issued
- For 2021, 5 investigations resulted in Court action; 4 section 67 Directions Notices to take action were issued

- 3. How many of the matters resulted in a Court action resulted in convictions of guilty and what animal (s) were involved?**

All matters listed for Court resulted in convictions that involved dogs, cats and horses.

- 4. For each year, how many complaints were received pertaining to a remote or rural community that is, a community located outside of Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs?**

For 2020, there were 69 remote or regional investigations

For 2021, there were 66 remote or regional investigations

- 5. For the cases that were investigated, what was the breakdown of the animal species that is, cattle, pig, poultry, dog/cat, horse, other? For the period encompassing 2020 and 2021, the numbers of animals involved in investigations were:**

Dogs	519
Cattle	410
Poultry	50
Pigs	28
Horse	31
Birds	19
Goats	17
Cats	16
Crocodiles	4
Buffalo	3
Rabbits	3
Camels	1
Deer	1

- 6. How many educational site visits were conducted by animal welfare officers for the two years?**

Each investigation listed above provided an opportunity to deliver education/awareness to improve animal welfare outcomes.

- 7. How many animal welfare officers are within the Department?**

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