

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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Subject: Gamba Grass complaints

QUESTION

Minister, how many complaints have been received by the department from land owners about Gamba Grass on Territory government owned land?

ANSWER

This financial year (between 1 July 2021 and 20 June 2022), the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security's Weed Management Branch Darwin Operations has received 210 formal complaints in relation to gamba grass across the Darwin region.

Of these complaints, 85 were from land owners who are concerned about gamba grass on Northern Territory Government owned land. An additional 21 complaints were received for local government areas and Commonwealth land.

A breakdown of the 85 complaints are:

- Vacant Crown land and Northern Territory Land Corporation – 39 complaints;
- Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics (DIPL) managed roads – 23 complaints;
- Power and Water Corporation land – 9 complaints;
- Parks NT – 7 complaints; and
- Other government agencies – 7 complaints.

The Department is currently undertaking a "Have your Say" survey on gamba grass. To date, 24 submissions have been made and of those submissions, 8 were in relation to Government owned land.

The Department responds daily to complaints and provides best practice weed management advice on a variety of different weeds species across the Territory.