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Local Government

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Question: What were the resources immediately brought to bear by the Chief

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Answer:

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From: Mr John Elferink MLA To: Hon Malarndirri McCarthy MLA

Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services

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Question: What were the resources immediately brought to bear by the Chief Executive

upon receiving an instruction from the Minister to apply resources to this

issue?

Answer: After discussion with the Minister of the issues relating to animal welfare at Mataranka Station the Department took the following actions:

Engaged Pricewaterhouse Coopers to undertake a functional assessment

- of staffing in the Animal Welfare Unit;
- Appointed a new Director of Water Safety and Animal Welfare with a regulatory and licensing background;
- Implemented a new structure within the Animal Welfare Branch resulting in a further two Animal Welfare Inspector positions;
- Conducted investigative training for Inspectors;
- Following receipt of the Ombudsman's report engaged an independent consultant (Mr Ray Murphy) to review the report and opportunity to prosecute for any offences relating to animal welfare;
- Began a review of operational procedures to improve the issue of licenses and their regular review to ensure compliance with these license conditions.