

Estimates Committee 2015

Questions Taken On Notice

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Sub Output: Rangelands
Subject: Poor Management Practices over rangeland resources

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Land Resource Management

Question: **4-9** What happens if the department identifies poor management practices over rangeland resources, and what sanctions have been used in respect of that in 2014-15?

Answer:

Rangeland monitoring staff are responsible for the mapping, assessment, monitoring and reporting of land condition across the Northern Territory pastoral estate. Should rangeland monitoring staff identify poor land management practices on a property during inspection, initially staff will discuss these matters with the respective land manager, as I previously pointed out. Following property inspections, the pastoral lessee is provided with a land condition report for their property.

The rangeland monitoring branch produces an annual land condition report at a district level for the Northern Territory pastoral land board each year. This report includes details related to the property's land condition and matters of interest to the Pastoral Land Board. The PLB has the authority to undertake further action under the Pastoral Land Act which can include voluntary management plans or remedial plans. As such, no sanctions in regards to poor land practices were commenced by the PLB in the reporting period.

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