

Unwanted Cat Management

Ms BADGER question to MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRIES and WATER

My question is from my constituent Alice, who is a wildlife carer. Many people turn to Alice when they have unwanted cats or kittens. For Alice to comply with the requirements under Tasmania's *Cat Management Act 2009* and surrender these cats, she must take a three-hour drive to the closest drop-off centre in Launceston, where the current wait time is six months. Alice pays all associated costs out of her own pocket.

In the last five years, how much funding has the government provided to cat management facilities, other organisations and individuals who care for unwanted cats, strays and kittens? How many people have been penalised for the dumping or abandoning of cats and kittens under the Act in the last five years? Will your 2024-2029 Cat Management Plan actually be done by 2029?