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Dear Ms Rattray

Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2024

I refer to your letter of 25 September 2024 seeking additional information following my appearance before Budget Estimates Committee B on 25 September 2024.

Please find below the additional information requested:

DIVISION 8 – DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT TASMANIA

Overview

1. Provide Efficiency Dividend Table 2024-25

Answer:

	2024-25
	Budget
	\$'000
Discretionary expenditure	421
Salary expenditure ¹	840
Other savings measures	440
Allocation	1 701

Note:

1. This savings target represents less than 1 per cent of the Department's overall salary budget from all funding sources.

- The savings to be achieved by portfolio are as follows:

	2024-25
	Budget
	\$'000
Arts (Heritage)	22
Business, Industry & Resources	50
Parks & Environment	1 244
Primary Industries & Water	336
Racing	49
Allocation	1 701

Output Group 2 – Primary Industries and Water

2.1 Primary Industries

1. Please provide detail of all crop protection permits issued, by target species since 2022 by year. What are the take returns, or number of animals killed in each of these years?

Answer:

Summary of Property Protection Permits issued by species each financial year between the 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2024

- The figures below relate to financial years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-2024.
- It should be noted that Bennett's and rufous wallaby and brushtail possum permits and fallow deer (antlerless) permits are issued as five-year permits. Permits for other species are issued for up to 12 months.
- The issuing of Crop Protection Permits was discontinued from 1 December 2021 with the introduction of Property Protection Permits. The 2021-22 financial year figures include Crop Protection Permits.

Species	1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 inc.	1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 inc.	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 inc.
	Permits Issued	Permits Issued	Permits Issued
Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck)	44	41	43
Australian Wood Duck	36	42	46
Bennett's & Rufous Wallaby	28	18	30
Bennett's & Rufous Wallaby & Brushtail Possum	848	436	412
Black Currawong	6	9	5

Black Swan	69	65	94
Brushtail Possum	31	32	28
Cape Barren Goose	16	22	18
Eurasian Coot			3
Fallow Deer	108	212	165
Fallow Deer (Antlerless)	89	30	25
Fallow Deer (Buck)	61	56	38
Fallow Deer (Immature Male)	5	4	7
Fallow Deer (Male)	296	147	132
Forester Kangaroo	112	85	96
Galah	5	7	5
Great Cormorant			2
Green rosella	8	7	5
Grey Currawong	1	1	
Grey Teal			1
Kelp Gull	1	1	
Little Black Cormorant	1	1	1
Native hen & Purple swamphen			2
Pacific Black Duck	9	7	10
Pacific Gull		1	1
Purple swamphen		4	5
Silver Gull	1	2	2
Silvereye	6	6	6
Sulphur Crested Cockatoo	113	117	121
Tasmanian Native Hen	38	50	51
Wombat	6	9	15
Yellow wattlebird	1	1	
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	2	4	3

Summary of returns per calendar year for Property Protection Permits by species.

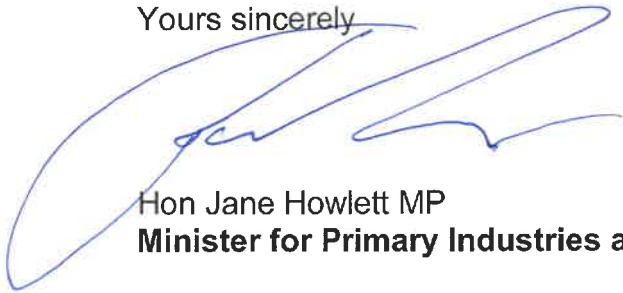
Property Protection Permits for Bennett's and rufous wallaby and brushtail possum are for five years. Prior to 2020, each year the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania selected 15 percent of permit holders to submit take returns. Commencing in 2020 as permits began expiring, permit holders were required to provide annual returns for these permits. Re-issued permits now require an annual return to be provided each year.

Note: 2024 returns are still being received and the NRE Tas does not have a full calendar year of data. Most people only provide this data when their permit falls due for renewal. Permits are only renewed for holders that provide return data.

Species	2022	2023
	Calendar year	Calendar year
	Take Returns	Take Returns
Australian Shelduck (Mountain Duck)	1057	1373
Australian Wood Duck	638	1231
Bennett's Wallaby	373055	311219
Black Currawong	204	104
Black Swan	1648	3162
Brushtail Possum	174717	128585
Cape Barren Goose	1135	900
Fallow Deer (Antlerless)	21830	17187
Fallow Deer (Buck)	5779	5261
Fallow Deer (Immature Male)	6729	6804
Forester Kangaroo	6711	5816
Galah	50	37
Great Cormorant		50
Green rosella	154	116
Grey Currawong	18	20
Kelp Gull		8
Little Black Cormorant		30
Pacific Black Duck	100	189
Pacific Gull		

Purple Swamphen	6	36
Silver Gull	300	300
Silvereye	228	493
Sulphur Crested Cockatoo	4137	3874
Tasmanian Native Hen	769	917
Tasmanian Pademelon (or Rufous Wallaby)	305785	217159
Wombat	71	64
Yellow Wattlebird	3	
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo	1	2

Yours sincerely



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