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Freedom of Information Request – Kangaroo Information

I refer to your application under section 14 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* (the Act), received by the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (ESDD) on 22 August 2013, in which you requested specific information about kangaroos as detailed below.

I am an officer authorised to make a decision in respect of a request for information, under section 22 of the Act. I have noted that your request is worded as a request for information, rather than a request for documents under the FOI Act, and I will thus deal with it outside the Act.

The information you have requested is as follows:

Part 3

In relation to the following nature reserves- Callum Brae, Gorooyaroo, Kama, Mount Painter, Mullanggari, Mulligan's Flat and the Pinnacle – from 10 June 2013 to 1 August 2013

- 1) What was the format/basis/reasoning for killing the appointed number of kangaroos at each nature reserve and how was the number for each nature reserve arrived at.

Response: Please refer to the document at website link below

http://www.environment.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/269970/Calculation_of_the_number_of_kangaroos_to_cull.pdf

Part 4

All data sheets pertaining to quadrant based/floristic vegetation surveys, and associated reports for:

Aranda Bushland, Callum Brae Nature Reserve, Campbell park, Crace nature Reserve, Dunlop Nature Reserve, Farrer Ridge, Googong Foreshores, Gorooyaroo Nature Reserve, Jerrabomberra East nature Reserve, Jerrabomberra West Nature Reserve, Kama Nature Reserve, Mt Ainslie Nature Reserve, Mt Majura nature reserve, Mullanggari nature reserve, Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve, National Transmission Authority, Pinnacle Nature Reserve, Red Hill, South Lawson, Wanniasa Hills Nature Reserve

Response: Please see [Attachment A – Reserves Species List](#)

The following caveats are supplied regarding these data:

- The data supplied under this request were collected for a variety of uses and are not intended to provide a census of plant species in each reserve.
- Many of the studies that these lists were generated from were focused on grasses and forbs and these lists may not contain the full tree and shrub species present on each of the reserves.
- If a species is not on the list for a reserve that does not mean that the species is not present in the reserve, it simply means it was not present on the study site at the time the data were collected.
- Abundance and cover data are not supplied because these figures are correct only for the study location at the time of survey and are not indicative of the whole reserve or other periods in time.
- The Directorate would recommend consulting some of the on-line species data and information available if complete species lists are required for a reserve. Some of the web pages run by the relevant Parkcare Groups maintain up to date lists for species in each reserve. Useful sites are:
 - Mt Painter (<http://www.ginninderralandcare.org.au/membership/friends-mount-painter>)
 - Pinnacle (<http://fotpin.hussat.com.au/>)
 - Aranda (<http://www.friendsofarandabushland.org.au/>)
 - Mt Taylor (<http://taylorparkcare.50webs.com/>)
 - Mt Majura (<http://majura.org/>)
 - Red Hill (<http://www.redhillregenerators.org.au/>)
- You can also find links to other groups at;
 - <http://actlandcare.org.au/grouplocator>

Part 5

In relation to the following nature reserves – Callum Brae, Goorooyaroo, Kama, Mt Painter, Mullanggari, Mulligan’s Flat and the Pinnacle – for the period July 2012 to June 2013:

- 1) On what dates did the counting of kangaroos take place in each nature reserve?
- 2) What were the methods used for counting?
- 3) Was the counting of kangaroos undertaken solely by government employees or were people hired from an employment agency?
- 4) If people from an employment agency were used:
 - a. How many hours training did they receive?
 - b. Was this training undertaken on-site or in a classroom?

5) What was the number of kangaroos counted in each of the Nature reserves outlined above?

Please see [Attachment B – Kangaroo Information](#).

Fees and charges

Freedom of information requests attract fees and charges for time spent searching and retrieving documents, decision-making time and photocopying. In relation to your request, no fee is payable as there are no documents being released. This information has been prepared specifically to respond to your request.

Right of review

If you are dissatisfied with my decision, you have the right to seek an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review you should write to:

The Director-General
Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate
GPO Box 1908
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Email: ESDDFOI@act.gov.au

You have 28 days from the date of this letter to seek a review of the outcome or such other period as the Director-General permits.

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal

If you are still dissatisfied after the directorate has conducted an internal review, you can seek an independent review of the decision by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal. You have 28 days from the date of the internal review decision to seek a review from the Tribunal.

To apply to the Tribunal for a review you can obtain an application form from the Tribunal (www.acat.act.gov.au). The postal address of the Tribunal is:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
GPO Box 370
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Ombudsman

You also have the right to complain to the Ombudsman about the processing of your request. If you wish to lodge a complaint you should write to:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Further information

If you have any questions in relation to your request please contact the Directorate's FOI Coordinator on 6207 1941 or ESDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Policy

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