

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Question No: 2498

Asked by: Ms Fiona Patten (Northern Metropolitan)

Question:

To ask the Minister for Regional Development: In relation to the economic impact of duck hunting season:

(1) What economic considerations does the Government take into consideration when calculating the economic impact of the duck hunting season.

(2) Does the Government consider how the hunting season affects bush walking and birdwatching tourism when calculating the economic impact.

Reply:

Hunting and other public and private land uses have co-existed in Victoria for well over a century.

In 2013, the then Department of Environment and Primary Industries commissioned an independent review of the economic impact of hunting in Victoria. The detailed scope, economic considerations, methodology and data collected on the social impact of hunting are detailed in the 2013 report which is publicly available at: http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/263714/Estimating-economic-impact-of-hunting-in-Victoria.pdf

The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions commissioned a similar economic survey in 2019 to allow comparison with the 2013 survey, and this is expected to be released in coming months.



Jaclyn Symes MP

Minister for Regional Development