

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Question No: 668

Asked by: Mr Hayes

Question:

To ask the Minister for Agriculture: In relation to the Menindee Lakes drying out due to extended drought conditions:

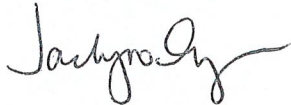
(1) Is it correct that a significant number of ducks have sought refuge in Victoria.

(2) With six out of eight game species showing long-term decline, is it important that those remaining duck populations be protected.

Reply:

There is no information on the number of waterbirds that may have migrated to Victoria from the Menindee Lakes.

The Government is committed to ensuring hunting is safe, responsible and sustainable and if the relevant data suggests otherwise, the government may modify or cancel a duck hunting season.



Jaclyn Symes MP
Minister for Agriculture