MR SORENSEN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice No. 1775 of 2009 concerning the audit of the Fraser Island Dingo Management Plan—

Will the Minister revise the submitted answers to parts (a), (b), and (c), redress the question, and advise of (a) the specific qualifications that legitimate the auditor’s appointment, (b) the details of any peer-reviewed and published scientific research the auditor has conducted within the last 10 years and (c) the estimated number of adult breeding dingoes on Fraser Island each year since 2001, utilising the most recent data commissioned by the Minister?

ANSWER:

I refer the member to my answer to Question on Notice number 1775-2009.

I also refer the Member to an extract from last year’s Estimates Hearing which outlines recent data on dingo numbers.

"The (Interim Stage 1) report has confirmed that there are currently 231 tagged dingos on Fraser Island. These dingos are currently recorded on an active dingo ear tag register kept by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. The current figure of 231 comes after an extended period of capturing and tagging; however, experts believe there are still plenty of dingos that have not been tagged. In fact, the report estimates that a third of the population on the island are not tagged, which points to a very healthy and prevalent population."