



Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

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Question taken on notice

Directed to: Victoria Police, Assistant Commissioner Glenn Weir

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1. P.46 Georgie Purcell

Question: ...Do you have any data on (1) calls you get about wildlife, road strike or displaced wildlife and (2) calls where an agency or a group like Wildlife Victoria or another rescue group might call on you?

Glenn WEIR: No. I could take those on notice...

Response:

(1) Victoria Police collects data on the total number of vehicle collisions involving “struck animal”, broken down by animal type. The most recent data, from the Traffic Incident System (TIS) reports the following incidents of “struck animal” vehicle collisions requiring police attendance:

Total “Struck Animal” vehicle collisions by type of animal					
Period: 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2024					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Animals - Domestic (Cats and Dogs)	8	6	3	9	4
Animals - Cattle	16	13	21	30	21
Animals - Sheep	2	3	2	4	5
Animals - Horse (Not Ridden)	4	6	2	1	2
Animals - Other Tame Animals	0	1	2	2	0
Animals - Kangaroo / Wallaby	85	130	107	160	146
Animals - Wombat	5	7	3	7	6
Animals - Other Wild Animal / Bird	12	23	13	22	23
Animals - Not Known	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL*	132	190	154	236	208

* Total struck animal vehicle collisions and includes incidents where an object/animal code for animal was not recorded

Victoria Police also collects Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) data in relation to Triple Zero calls dispatched to Victoria Police regarding other types of animal incidents, and these include:

- *Code 521* – for animal incidents attended by police only, such as dispatching injured animals, wandering or aggressive domestic animals or livestock, and welfare checks on animals (such as animals locked in vehicles).
- *Code 522* – for Ambulance incidents where police are notified, such as animal attacks when a person is injured.
- *Code 589* – for State Emergency Services (SES) incidents where police are notified, such as trapped animals (for example, livestock caught in a storm water drain).

Number of Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) events recorded for 'animal related events' in Victoria								
Period: 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2024								
CAD Event Code	CAD Event Description	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Difference (2023-2024)	% Change (2023-2024)
521	P EME-ANI ANIMAL INCIDENT	11,138	10,460	10,000	12,273	14,395	2,122	17.3%
522	AP ANIMAL INCIDENT (POLICE NOTIFIED)	106	121	124	144	173	29	20.1%
589	S- SES- ANIMAL INCIDENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
TOTAL		11,244	10,581	10,124	12,417	14,568	2,151	17.3%

Please note that the above event codes do not differentiate between incident types within codes, meaning that the data does not distinguish between welfare checks for animals and calls for police assistance to dispatch sick or injured animals, as both of these incidents would fall under code 521. Nor does the data distinguish animal type.

(2) In relation to the TIS and CAD data that Victoria Police collects in relation to calls to assist with animal incidents, this data cannot differentiate who made the call seeking assistance. Manual review of all relevant incidents would be required for Victoria Police to compile data on who has contacted Victoria Police for assistance with animal incidents.

CAD data is owned by Triple Zero Victoria and Triple Zero Victoria may be able to provide further high-level analysis of animal incidents.