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Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

A review paper, Euthanasia of Kangaroo Pouch Young, Dependent Joeys and Young at Foot, was completed in 2006 by Dr Paul Hopwood, commissioned by the then Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage. Please provide a copy of that paper.

Answer:

In 2006, the Department commissioned Dr Paul Hopwood to assist the former Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council working group in its review of the National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies.

Departmental records show that Dr Hopwood's paper was never completed to the satisfaction of the working group. Some working group members held concerns that the paper did not address the issues in sufficient depth and did it adequately consider alternatives. The concerns over the paper were not resolved and it was not finalised for release or publication.