

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Supplementary Order Paper

Thursday, the 10th day of June 1982

## WILD ANIMAL CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL

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HON. MR ELWORTHY, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

*Proposed clause 2A:* To insert, after clause 2 on page 2, the following clause:

**2A. Farmed deer to be regarded as wild animals—**

(1) Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (c) of the definition of the term "wild animal" the words "Does not include", and substituting the words "Except for deer lawfully kept in captivity for the purposes of farming, does not include".

(2) Section 7 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "Crown-owned land," the words "or the Commissioner of Police,".

(3) Section 12 of the principal Act is hereby consequentially amended by inserting, after subsection (11), the following subsection:

"(11A) Any deer that escapes from its enclosure and strays while being lawfully captured, conveyed, or held in captivity under this section for the purposes of farming remains the property of the owner if that deer is branded pursuant to Part V of the Animals Act 1967."

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under the "notification" system introduced in 1979, farmed deer retained their status as wild animals and were given greater protection than farmed deer held under the "permit" system (which treated them as akin to stock).

These amendments remove that anomaly by treating all farmed deer as wild animals.

*Subclause (1)* amends the definition of "wild animal" to include farmed deer held under a permit.

*Subclause (2)* authorises the Director-General to delegate certain powers to the Commissioner of Police.

*Subclause (3)* provides that if any farmed deer held under a permit is branded but escapes, ownership of the deer is retained by the farmer.

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