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Mr LLEWELLYN (Minister for Primary Industries, Water & Environment): We took action in 2002 when three litters of fox cubs were brought back to the State by people who were identified, but were not able to be charged. Certainly the Police followed these issues up.

I am convinced that those litters were distributed; one in the Longford area, one down the east coast and one south of Oatlands.

It was on that basis we established the effort to try to rid the State of foxes. The sightings have declined but there are still excellent sightings and I think we are on top of the issue.

We need to monitor and keep on top of the issue. I think in one case a fox that was seen in and around the Burnie area was very clearly a fox that came from Webb Dock or wherever on the mainland, and that was a separate incident from the other that I mentioned.

We need to be vigilant on this matter at all levels if we possibly can, so to that extent I agree with the member and I certainly will make any information available as it comes to hand.