

BOORABIN FIRE — ATTENDANCE BY DEC PERSONNEL

2292. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Environment

- (1) How many Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) employees attended the Boorabin Fire?
- (2) How many DEC employees were asked to provide statements?
- (3) Were all statements by the DEC personnel presented in evidence to the Coroner?
- (4) If no to (3), why not

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

- (1) 251 DEC staff attended the Boorabbin fire between 28 December 2007 and 8 January 2008. This number included staff from DEC's Goldfields Region and staff from other DEC regions.
- (2) 28 DEC staff provided witness statements to the Police Arson Squad who conducted the investigation for the State Coroner.
- (3) No, 11 DEC staff were called to give evidence at the Coronial Inquest.
- (4) Decisions about which witnesses were called to give oral evidence were made by the Coroner.