

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — BUSHFIRE SEASON

1245. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

With summer beginning on Saturday and the bushfire season imminent, can the minister advise whether there are plans to —

- (a) reduce the number of volunteer emergency services;
- (b) remove, combine or merge the State Emergency Service with any other existing or future emergency service;
- (c) remove, combine or merge the volunteer fire and rescue services with any other existing or future emergency service;
- (d) remove, combine or merge the volunteer marine rescue services with any other existing or future emergency service;
- (e) remove, combine or merge the volunteer fire and emergency services with any other existing or future emergency service; and
- (f) remove, combine or merge the volunteer bush fire services with any other existing or future emergency service?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question. I am not quite happy with the answer that I have, so I will get another answer for him for tomorrow.