

BUSHFIRES — STIRLING RANGE NATIONAL PARK — COST

**1322. Hon DIANE EVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to the bushfire in the Stirling Range, which started on 26 December 2019.

- (1) Will the minister please table —
- (a) a report on the control of the fires, including any timetable of events;
  - (b) detail regarding the time of the initial report of the fire, the initial activities to control the fire and the time at which the Department of Fire and Emergency Services became involved in the suppression of the fire;
  - (c) the cost of the response; and
  - (d) the total cost of the fire—estimated if not known?
- (2) If not, why not?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) (a) A report on the control of the fires during Western Australia's 2019–20 high threat period, including a timetable of events, is currently underway as part of a comprehensive remote firefighting after action review to examine the incidents of the season. The Stirling Range fire, which started on 26 December 2019, will be included in this review. The report is being compiled in partnership with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.
- (b)–(c) The Department of Fire and Emergency Services does not perform activity-based costing per incident. However, additional costs incurred above DFES's base budget for major incidents are recorded by hazard type such as bushfire. Given this, readily identifiable costs to date for the Stirling Range over and above DFES's base budget are provided. This information is in tabular form. It lists the account category, the amount, the total DBCA cost and the total cost. I seek leave to have this incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

Account Category	
Clothing and Accessories	315.00
General Goods and Services	597.00
Grants and Subsidies	1,328.00
Hire Charges	124,728.00
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	15,940.00
Other Goods and Services	8,829.00
Plant and Equipment Maintenance	28,653.00
Travel and Allowances	34,599.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>214,916.00</b>
<b>DBCA Cost</b>	<b>249,916.00</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$464,907.00</b>

- (2) Not applicable.