

BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY — STAFFING RESTRUCTURE — SERVICE PROVISION

147. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the recent announcement that the Bureau of Meteorology will axe regional staff from its WA stations.

- (1) Has the minister given consideration to whether the axing of staff will impact on the capacity of bush firefighters to get accurate and timely information about local weather conditions?
- (2) If so, what advice has the minister received and does the minister believe this advice is accurate?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The Bureau of Meteorology has not advised the Department of Fire and Emergency Services of any service restructure or reduction that would affect the services provided by the Bureau of Meteorology under contractual arrangements.