

ENVIRONMENT — PRESCRIBED BURNING

2465. Hon Diane Evers to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Please provide a list of all the departments, agencies and offices involved in any way in prescribed burning under the Minister's responsibility and what activities they perform in regards to prescribed burning?
- (2) For the financial years 2017–18 and 2018–19, what was the estimated cost and the actual cost of the involvement of these bodies in prescribed burning?
- (3) Do any of the departments, agencies and offices in (1) provide funding for prescribed burning to any other persons or entities:
  - (a) if yes to (3):
    - (i) to who and for what services; and
    - (ii) how much was provided to or is estimated to be provided for each of the years 2017–18 and 2018–19?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

- (1) The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' (DBCA) Parks and Wildlife Service undertakes prescribed burning for community protection and land management purposes on lands to which the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* applies and also on unallocated Crown land and unmanaged reserves outside of gazetted townsites under a Memorandum of Understanding arrangement with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage. DBCA's Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority does not conduct prescribed burning on an annual basis but has conducted two small experimental burns as part of a fire ecology research program in Kings Park (six hectares in 2015) and Bold Park (seven hectares in 2016).
- (2) Parks and Wildlife Service
  - 2017/18 Estimated \$18,624,944
  - 2017/18 Actual \$21,257,006
  - 2018/19 Estimated \$20,421,700
  - 2018/19 Actual \$21,124,372Botanic Gardens and Park Authority
  - 2017/18 Estimated – Not applicable.
  - 2017/18 Actual – Not Applicable.
  - 2018/19 – Not applicable.
  - 2018/19 – Not applicable.
- (3) No.
  - (a) Not applicable.