

BOORABBIN NATIONAL PARK FIRE — REVIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1005. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the minister's answer to question 988 regarding the Boorabbin National Park fire.

- (1) Can the minister separately list the title reviews undertaken to which she referred yesterday—the dates and purpose of each and the authors of those reviews?
- (2) Will these reviews be made public?
- (3) What recommendations remain unfulfilled and how is it proposed that they will be progressed?
- (4) What measures have been taken to improve radio communications by Department of Environment and Conservation firefighters?
- (5) What measures have been taken to ensure incident managers have the requisite competencies ?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. ‘

- (1) The reviews have been: GHD Fire Development Chronology, June 2008; GHD Operational Review, July 2008; findings and actions from inquiries conducted by the Department of Environment and Conservation into the Boorabbin fire—28 December 2007 to 8 January—2008, July 2009; DEC Post Incident Analysis Goldfields Fire “The Boorabbin Fire”, August 2009; and Response by the Department of Environment and Conservation to “Goldfields Fire 13” and “Boorabbin Fire Operational Review”, July 2008 prepared by GHD, October 2008.
- (2) Yes, at the appropriate time, taking into account the coronial inquest.
- (3) As advised yesterday, the majority of the recommendations have been implemented in the GHD operational review; however, the release of further content in relation to that review is scheduled to occur after the report by the coroner.
- (4) DEC is enhancing the skills and competency of key incident management staff in communications. DEC is developing primary communications plans across its nine regions. These plans are being developed in consultation with other key emergency services support agencies. DEC has implemented satellite and cellular mobile communication systems.
- (5) DEC, Fire and Emergency Services Authority and WA Police now conduct a major incident management course for incident controllers.