

BUSHFIRES — STATE FOREST — NANGA BROOK ROAD

779. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to a bushfire in state forest on Nanga Brook Road on 11 May 2019.

- (1) Did department of parks and wildlife firefighters attend?
- (2) Was it determined that the origin of this bushfire was an escape from burning off on a private property adjoining state forest?
- (3) Did the property owner admit to department of parks and wildlife firefighters that their burn-off was the cause of the bushfire in the state forest?
- (4) Is the property owner known to the department of parks and wildlife and voluntary firefighting organisations as being a vocal critic of prescribed burns?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) Yes, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' parks and wildlife service staff attended a bushfire in state forest on Nanga Brook Road on 11 May 2019. DBCA dispatched one officer, two trucks and one bulldozer to assist in containing the fire. Volunteer bush fire brigades from the Shire of Waroona also attended the fire.
- (2) Yes. The origin of the fire was determined as being an escape from burning off that was occurring on the neighbouring property.
- (3) Yes. The property owner confirmed the fire was as a result of his burning off.
- (4) The property owner is known to the parks and wildlife service.