

ALBANY BUSHFIRE — FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY CONTROL

810. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the fire at Two Peoples Bay on 11 October 2012 in which Department of Environment and Conservation firefighters were injured.

- (1) At what time did the Fire and Emergency Services Authority take over control of the management of the fire?
- (2) What was the rationale for FESA assuming control of the management of the fire?
- (3) What was the source and currency of information contained in the FESA alert at 3.18 pm on Friday, 11 October 2012?
- (4) When was the next alert issued?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

The fire at Two Peoples Bay was on 12 October 2012.

- (1) FESA took control of the fire at 1730 hours on Friday, 12 October 2012, under section 13 of the Bush Fires Act 1954.
- (2) FESA assumed control to ensure ongoing firefighting operations were maintained, as the bushfire was not yet controlled, and the coordination of complex multi-agency activities relating to firefighter welfare and recovery.
- (3) The alert issued at 1518 hours on Friday, 12 October 2012 was current at the time of issue. Information was provided by the incident management team located at Two Peoples Bay.
- (4) The next alert was issued at 1855 hours on Friday, 12 October 2012.