

YARLOOP BUSHFIRES — INQUIRY

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

- (1) Has the Minister for Emergency Services ordered an inquiry into whether the recent fires in and around the Yarloop area may have been exacerbated by the surface build-up of chemical emissions from any of the Alcoa refineries?
- (2) If so, will the results of that inquiry be made public, and when?
- (3) If not, 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) No. On 20 January 2016, the Premier, Hon Colin Barnett, announced that an independent inquiry into the Waroona complex fires will be led by the former head of the Victorian Country Fire Authority, Mr Euan Ferguson, AFSM. The inquiry will examine all aspects of the Waroona complex fires.
- (2) Completion of the inquiry is expected to be in April 2016. Once complete, the report will be made public.
- (3) Not applicable.