

BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT — FESA ROLE

2124. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Emergency Services

I thank the Minister for his answers to question No's 1409 and 1413, and seek further clarification -

- (1) If FESA is not responsible for fuel reduction in Kings Park, who is?
- (2) If FESA does not reject recommendations of Western Australian Royal Commissions, why have particular recommendations of the report of the Honorary Royal Commission into the *CALM Act 1984* (41-46 and pages 40-47) not been followed?
- (3) How can the public locate an Incident Controller for a level three bushfire if the names of these controllers cannot be made available?
- (4) What are the locations of the two Incident Controllers for level three bushfires in the South West?
- (5) At what locations are the other 25 Incident Controllers for level three bushfires situated?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

- (1) Please see previous responses to Legislative Council Question Without Notice 828 and Legislative Council Question on Notice 1263.
- (2) The Member would be well aware of the plethora of Parliamentary and Ministerial Reviews, Auditor General Reports, Coronial Inquests and the COAG Report over the past 26 years that have each influenced bush fire management in Western Australia today. If the Member has a specific question regarding a particular recommendation of the 1984 Honorary Royal Commission an appropriate response can be provided.
- (3) An Incident Controller is appointed by a Hazard Management Agency to control the emergency response not to take calls from the public. All public enquiries should be directed to the Bushfire Information Line 1300 657 209. For all life threatening situations, people should call the 000 emergency number.
- (4) See response to question 3.
- (5) Spread throughout all FESA regions within Western Australia.