

MARGARET RIVER BUSHFIRES

1090. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Margaret River bushfires.

- (1) What was the fire risk indicator level in the Shire of Augusta–Margaret River on each of the following days last week: Sunday, 20 November; Monday, 21 November; Tuesday, 22 November; and Wednesday, 23 November 2011?
- (2) What weather forecast information was made available to the managers of the Margaret River prescribed burns on Saturday, 19 November; Sunday, 20 November; Monday, 21 November; and Tuesday, 22 November 2011; what fire risk assessments were carried out by the Department of Environment and Conservation as a result of the weather forecasts; and were any additional resources allocated to the burn management as a result of the weather forecasts?
- (3) What spot fires were lit on Sunday, 20 November, and Monday, 21 November 2011?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) These matters will be examined in an independent investigation foreshadowed by the Premier.