

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY — WAYNE GREGSON — APPOINTMENT

**409. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the parliamentary secretary representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's response to question on notice 7246 in the other place and note that Mr Gregson's 12-month contract is due to expire in September 2012.

- (1) Will the permanent position of Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner be advertised?
- (2) If so, will interviews be conducted?
- (3) If no to either (1) or (2), why not?
- (4) Will the permanent filling of the position be referred to cabinet for endorsement?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question, which I will answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary, who is away on urgent parliamentary business.

- (1)–(4) The position of Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner is intended to be established under the Fire and Emergency Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2012. Clause 52 of this bill provides that the person holding the office as chief executive officer of the Fire and Emergency Services Authority immediately before the transfer date is to be taken to have been appointed as the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner on the same terms and conditions. Having regard to that, it will not be necessary for the new commissioner position to be advertised.