COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

Eleventh Report — "Annual Report 2011–12" — Tabling

MR A.P. O'GORMAN (Joondalup) [10.07 am]: I present for tabling the eleventh report of the Community Development and Justice Committee, titled "Annual Report 2012".

[See paper 5470.]

Mr A.P. O'GORMAN: This is the annual report of the Community Development and Justice Committee. I am not going to delay the house too long, but I will just say that the annual report provides information on the activities of the committee over the past 12 months—the travel and the inquiries undertaken. In doing that, I thank the members of the committee and members of the staff. Dr David Worth is the principal research officer and Jovita Hogan is the research officer. I thank my parliamentary colleagues. I thank the member for Ocean Reef, who was deputy chair for most of the time. I also thank the member for Girrawheen, the member for Pilbara and the member for Morley who have been on the committee for some time. A more recent addition is the member for Hillarys.

The committee has conducted a number of inquiries. All of those reports have been tabled in this place. All those inquiries made 56 recommendations, and unfortunately only four were fully supported by government. The government gave in-principle or partial support to another 12. The government did not respond directly to any of the committee's 21 unanimous recommendations on the state's readiness for the 2011 bushfires.

The Community Development and Justice Committee has delivered all its reports for the past 12 years on a unanimous basis. There have been no minority reports. A concerted effort has been made to make sure that all members of the committee can agree with the recommendations that we have been putting up. I am disappointed that on that basis the government seeks not to enforce or to accept many of the recommendations of the committee. I commend the report to the house.