

FORESTRY — NATIONAL BUSHFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM — WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TRIALS
5259. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Forestry:

I refer to the availability of grants from the National Bushfire Mitigation program for the trials of mechanical fuel load reduction and ask:

- (a) are you aware or do you anticipate any such trials will be undertaken in Western Australia under this, or any other program. If yes please provide details; and
- (b) if there is no firm proposal, what areas would be regarded as optimal for testing such fuel load mitigation?

Ms M.J. Davies replied:

- (a) An Expression of Interest (EOI) is being led by the Australian Forest Operations Research Alliance, which includes a consortium of Western Australian participants, including the Forest Products Commission.
- (b) Not applicable.