

WAROONA–YARLOOP BUSHFIRES — FERGUSON REPORT — GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

723. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

With the bushfire season fast approaching and following a year of good rainfall for crops and vegetation, I refer to the “Report of the Special Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire”.

- (1) When will the government response to the report be tabled?
- (2) Has the government begun consultation with the various agencies and stakeholder groups referred to in the report’s recommendations?
- (3) If yes to (2), which agencies and stakeholder groups have been consulted?
- (4) What preparations and safeguards has the agency undertaken for the onset of the coming fire season?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) The government has committed to providing its response to the “Report of the Special Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire” by the end of September 2016. As part of the preparation for that response, consultation is occurring with relevant parties. Members of the public and interested organisations have also had an opportunity to provide comments on the report of the special inquiry. These comments will be considered as part of the government response. When possible, the government is progressing recommendations of the special inquiry ahead of the 2016–17 fire season and these will be detailed in the government’s response. Relevant agencies are also continuing their normal preparations for the 2016–17 fire season.