

TREASURER'S ADVANCE AUTHORISATION BILL 2010 — FIRE MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

161. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

I refer the minister to this year's Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill and the figure of \$15.3 million in extra funding for additional fire management resources.

- (1) Will the minister provide information relating to the risk assessment that was undertaken by the Department of Environment and Conservation that resulted in this request for extra funding?
- (2) Will the minister make the risk assessment report public?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The funding model for bushfire suppression expenditure has historically involved the Department of Environment and Conservation receiving an up-front appropriation of \$4 million at the commencement of the financial year, with an application then being made for supplementary funding at the end of the financial year for the balance of the total expenditure incurred during that year. The Department of Treasury and Finance estimated the supplementary bushfire suppression amount required for 2009–10 based largely on trends from previous years. The estimate was \$15.3 million, which is the figure identified in the Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2010.
- (2) Not applicable.