



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET

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**THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2023**

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- 1422. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Tourism
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**Notice Given**      **Thursday, 18 May 2023****1449. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to the conduct of reviews following significant emergency responses and the important role they play in improving and guiding future responses and also engaging career and volunteer first responders, and I ask:

- (a) please outline any incidents since January 2022 which have been subject to an after action review;
- (b) for each incident identified please outline the status and expected completion date for the review;
- (c) please outline any incidents since January 2022 which have been subject to a major incident review or an independent review; and
- (d) please table the Department of Fire and Emergency Service incident analysis policy?

**1450. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

(1) I refer to the Minister's media statement on 28 July titled "Emergency Rescue Helicopter service soars to new heights" and I ask, for each of the three rescue helicopters in WA, please identify for the 2022-23 financial year to date:

- (a) the number of missions undertaken;
- (b) the number of hours each helicopter has been in operation;
- (c) any periods where a rescue helicopter has been unavailable due to maintenance, repairs or other reasons (please specify); and
- (d) the cost of operating each helicopter?

(2) what is the expected delivery timeline for the three new next-generation helicopters?

**1451. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:**

With respect to Alcoa in Australia, and its subsidiaries and associated companies, and their bauxite mining operations in Western Australia, I ask:

- (a) for each of Alcoa's Huntly and Willowdale mines, how many hectares of native forest have been cleared in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
- (b) for each of Alcoa's Huntly and Willowdale mines, how many hectares of areas previously classified as rehabilitated have been cleared in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
- (c) for each of Alcoa's Huntly and Willowdale mines, how many hectares were classified as rehabilitated in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;

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- (d) for each of Alcoa's Huntly and Willowdale mines, how many tonnes of bauxite were produced in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
- (e) for each of Alcoa's Huntly and Willowdale mines, how many tonnes of bauxite were exported in each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
- (f) for the most recently approved Mining and Management Program what are the planned clearing rates in hectares for each of the Huntly and Willowdale mine sites for each of the five years of the plan;
- (g) for the most recently approved Mining and Management Program what is the approved or expected bauxite production from each of the Huntly and Willowdale mine sites for each of the five years of the plan;
- (h) for each of Alcoa's three refineries Kwinana, Pinjarra and Wagerup what has been the annual bauxite residue production in millions of tonnes for each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
- (i) for each of Alcoa's three refineries Kwinana, Pinjarra and Wagerup what has been the annual alumina production in millions of tonnes for each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022;
- (j) for each of Alcoa's three refineries Kwinana, Pinjarra and Wagerup what is the current footprint of residue disposal areas; and
- (k) what has been the royalty income received from Alcoa for each of the years 2020, 2021 and 2022?

**1452. Hon Sophia Moermond to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:**

I refer the Minister to recent changes to alcohol supply in Alice Springs, put in place by the Northern Territory Government, as well as our own Banned Drinkers Register operating in regional Western Australia, and I ask:

- (a) is the Minister aware of a recent federally funded twin study out of the United States, and published by the University of Cambridge, suggesting that those living in states that have legalised cannabis have demonstrably lower instances of Alcohol Use Disorder than those living in jurisdictions where cannabis remains illegal;
- (b) will the McGowan Government take these findings into consideration when it considers its approach to alcohol in regional Western Australia; and
- (c) what conversations, if any, has the Minister had with Aboriginal stakeholders as to the view held by our first nations people on cannabis and its potential role in reducing alcohol dependency within indigenous communities?

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**Questions Asked Today****Notice Given**      **Thursday, 18 May 2023****1453. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the answer provided to part (d) (vii) of my question on notice 1313, and I ask:

- (a) How many of these children Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and nonTorres Strait Islander vacating public housing had "Intensive Family Support" files open at the Department of Communities when their public housing was terminated by the Department of Communities?

**1454. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

The Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) website states that reducing fuel loads is an important objective of the DBCA's prescribed burning program. In relation to the measurement and monitoring of fuel loads, I ask:

- (a) what programs, policies or planning tools are used to guide DBCA fuel load measurements, including when, where, and for what purpose fuel load measurements are undertaken:
  - (i) will the Minister table any relevant documents or otherwise provide an explanation of the program;
- (b) what is measured fuel load data used for, and is this data used by DBCA to assist in determining which areas will be prioritised for Prescribed burning:
  - (i) if so, how is this data used;
- (c) does the DBCA maintain reference sites where fuel load measurements are undertaken at regular intervals to record changes in fuel load over time:
  - (i) if so, how many such sites are maintained and where are they located;
- (d) does the Department maintain a database of measured fuel loads in DBCA-managed lands:
  - (i) if not, why not; and
  - (ii) if so, why is this information not available to members of the public or neighbouring landholders;
- (e) in the past 5 years, how many fuel load measurements have been undertaken in each of the following systems:
  - (i) Kwongan Heath or coastal heath;
  - (ii) Tingle forest;
  - (iii) Karri Forest;
  - (iv) Jarrah Forest;
  - (v) Wandoo Forest;
  - (vi) Peat systems;

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- (vii) The Walpole Wilderness Area;
- (viii) The Fitzgerald Biosphere;
- (ix) The Stirling Ranges; and
- (x) Any other areas;
- (f) over the last five years, how many fuel load assessments have been undertaken by DBCA in areas that were not planned for prescribed burning at the time the assessment was undertaken;
- (g) where were the measurements in (f), taken;
- (h) will the Minister table the results of fuel load assessments undertaken over the last 3 years; and
- (i) will the Minister table the results, including fuel assessment sheets and fuel assessment summary Sheets of any fuel load assessments undertaken in the Walpole Wilderness Area over the last 5 years?

**1455. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

The Forest Management Plan and Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) Website state that time since fire is used as a proxy for fuel loads in DBCA managed Lands, I ask:

- (a) does the Department consider that fuel loads in unburned forests continue to increase indefinitely as a function of time since last fire event;
- (b) if no to (2), what does the Department consider naturally occurs with fuel loads in each of the below main forest types following fire, after 20, 30 and 50 years:
  - (i) Jarrah/marri;
  - (ii) Tingle;
  - (iii) Karri;
  - (iv) Coastal heath;
  - (v) Peppermint woodland;
  - (vi) Tuart forest; and
  - (vii) Wandoo woodland;
- (c) at what age since fire does the department consider that fuel loads naturally begin to decline (if at all) in the forest types identified above;
- (d) Can the Minister identify what areas of DBCA managed lands are in the following fire age classes:
  - (i) 0-10 years;
  - (ii) 10-20 years;
  - (iii) 20-30 years;

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- (iv) 30-40 years;
- (v) 40-50 years; and
- (vi) 50+ years;
- (e) how many fuel load assessments have been undertaken by DBCA in each of the above age-classes in the last 5 years; and
- (f) can the Minister table the results of the assessments in (e)?

**1456. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) Does the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) maintain a prescribed burning implementation guide?
- (2) Will the Minister table the current DBCA prescribed burning implementation guide:
  - (a) if not, why not?
- (3) What is the statutory basis and legal status of this document?

**1457. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

The Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) Website describes the planning process for prescribed burns and includes a map identifying burns on the current Burn Options Program, I ask:

- (a) how many prescribed burns are currently planned as part of the Burn Options Program;
- (b) for how many of these burn areas have draft prescribed fire plans been developed:
  - (i) will the Minister please identify these areas and table the draft plans; and
  - (ii) if no to (i), why not;
- (c) for how many of these burn areas have Prescribed Fire Plans been finalised:
  - (i) will the Minister please identify these areas and table the Plans; and
  - (ii) if no to (i), why not;
- (d) under which authority and by who are the final prescribed fire plans signed off;
- (e) what stakeholder consultation is undertaken on draft prescribed fire plans;
- (f) how are stakeholders identified and what does the consultation involve;
- (g) are draft prescribed fire plans provided for comment as part of this consultation process;
- (h) how many requests have been received by the DBCA for access to draft prescribed fire plans by stakeholders over the last 2 years, for which areas, and what was the result of these requests;

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- (i) does the Department consult with independent experts, ecologists, scientists or others in developing fire prescription plans:
  - (i) if so, how many times has such consultation occurred over the last 2 years, and on which plans; and
  - (ii) if not, why not; and
- (j) does the Department consult with traditional owners or others in developing fire prescription plans:
  - (i) if so, how many times has such consultation occurred over the last 2 years, and on which plans; and
  - (ii) if not, why not?

**1458. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) Does the Department consider that prescribed burning activities cause impacts to cultural heritage sites or values?
- (2) Does the Department seek approvals under the Aboriginal Heritage Act for such impacts:
  - (a) if not, why not?
- (3) If yes to (2), can the Minister please table any section 18 approvals held by the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions for prescribed burning or other management activities:
  - (a) if not, why not?

**1459. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) Are prescribed burning operations conducted in Western Australia (WA) subject to the *The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC)?
- (2) Does the Department refer Prescribed Burning plans for assessment by the Commonwealth Government under the EPBC Act?
- (3) How many prescribed burns were assessed under the EPBC Act over the last 2 years?
- (4) Are any prescribed burning activities covered under the Regional Forest Agreement (RFA):
  - (a) if so, what features identify burns that are covered by the scope of this agreement?
- (5) Will the Minister provide a list of prescribed burns over the last 2 years that have been covered under:
  - (a) the Regional Forest Agreement; and
  - (b) the EPBC Act?
- (6) With the cessation of native forest logging operations in Western Australia, will the RFA be reviewed?
- (7) What activities will the RFA cover in the future?

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I refer to Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA's) prescribed burning operations and the operation of the *Environmental Protection Act 1999*, I ask:

- (a) how many proposed prescribed burning activities undertaken by DBCA outside of the Forest Management Plan have been referred to the EPA for assessment under Section 38 of the *Environmental Protection Act*;
- (b) how many of these referrals were:
  - (i) considered to be valid referrals by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA);
  - (ii) considered significant proposals by the EPA; and
  - (iii) assessed by the EPA;
- (c) will the Minister table the relevant referral documents from (b) (i-iii):
  - (i) if not, why not;
- (d) if no referrals have been made, can the Minister provide an explanation of how the requirements of S38(4) of the Act are being fulfilled;
- (e) does the EPA have a bilateral agreement with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions:
  - (i) if not, why not; and
- (f) what authorisation (if any) has been provided under the *Environmental Protection Act 1999* for prescribed burning activities outside of the *Forest Management Plan*?

**1461. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the CALM Draft Prescribed Burning Manual states that: "*Conditional Burn Areas (CBAs) are areas that require specific fire regimes, to support some management or research activity. These are usually areas where fire is to be excluded, though other regimes may also be set (such as prescribing a fire regime to manage for specific species within an area). CBAs are identified in land management plans, species and community recovery plans, Science and Conservation databases and other planning instruments.*" The Manual describes 8 types of Conditional burn Areas, including 'Fire Exclusion Reference Areas', which are described as: "*A FERA is an area from which fire has been deliberately excluded to provide a reference site for scientific studies of the effects of fire on the environment. Areas selected should be broadly representative of the landscape within which they are located. FERA are designated in perpetuity. A representative network of long unburnt areas (generally areas that are greater than 10 to 20 years since last fire) is desirable. These areas are fixed locations that are available for research activities, as points of reference for studies of fire-driven ecosystem change, and for education and training. Recently burnt areas (generally less than 10 years since last fire) are also important for these purposes. Unlike long unburnt areas, however, they are usually plentiful and can be readily created if needed. Once established, FERA will continue to be managed*

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*as fire exclusion areas, even if affected by bushfire. If a FERA is burnt by bushfire, an additional long unburnt area may be nominated to augment the FERA if such an area is available, meets the nomination criteria and is necessary to ongoing research."* I ask:

- (a) is it current policy of Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to maintain CBAs and FERAs;
- (b) will the Minister table the relevant policy documents setting out how CBAs and FERAs are selected and managed:
  - (i) if no to (b), why not;
- (c) will the Minister table the current version of the Draft Prescribed Burning Manual:
  - (i) if no to (c), why not;
- (d) how Many FERAs are currently maintained and what are their locations, and fire ages;
- (e) how many areas that have previously been managed as FERAs are no longer managed as FERAs;
- (f) in each case in (e), why did the area cease to be managed as a FERA;
- (g) what ecological assessments, biodiversity surveys or scientific studies have been undertaken in FERAs by DBCA during the last 10 years;
- (h) will the Minister please table the relevant documents in (g):
  - (i) if no to (h), why not; and
- (i) is information on FERA's, including location and condition available to the public:
  - (i) if no to (i), why not?

**1462. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) Will the Minister provide a list of all Fire Management Guidelines for species and ecosystems currently held by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and advise on their current status?
- (2) Will the Minister table the Fire Management Guidelines:
  - (a) if no to (2), why not?
- (3) How often are Fire Management Guidelines reviewed by the Department?

**1463. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) How often does the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) undertake post-burn assessments or evaluations?
- (2) Will the Minister table post-burn evaluations for prescribed burns conducted within the Forest Management Plan area over the last three years?

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- (1) For how many burns conducted over the last three years were fauna surveys undertaken prior to the burn?
- (2) For how many burns conducted over the last three years were fauna surveys undertaken after the burn operations?
- (3) Will the Minister table the results of the surveys in (1) and (2):
  - (a) if no to (3), why not?
- (4) What does the Department estimate is the annual mortality for mammals, reptiles, and birds respectively:
  - (a) during prescribed burning operations; and
  - (b) in the six month period following prescribed burns?
- (5) Are prescribed burning operations subject to the *Animal Welfare Act*?
- (6) If yes to (5), does the DBCA hold permits or authorisations for prescribed burns under the *Animal Welfare Act*?
- (7) If yes to (6), will the Minister please table these instruments?
- (8) Are prescribed burning operations reviewed by an ethics committee?
- (9) If yes to (8), which committee undertakes these reviews and what documentation is provided to the committee?
- (10) Will the Minister table any documentation provided to, or advice provided by, any ethics committees in relation to prescribed burning operations undertaken by DBCA over the last three years:
  - (a) if no to (10), why not?

**1465. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) How many of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) prescribed burns have escaped their intended area or burned areas that were not intended over the last three years?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a list of such incidents?
- (3) Will the Minister table the post-burn evaluations or assessments for each of these burns?
- (4) If no to either (2) or (3), why not?

**1466. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) Have there been any significant upgrades or investments made in Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) fire detection capabilities over the last five years?

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- (2) Does the DBCA consider that its fire detection capability is best practise?
- (3) Is the Western Australian Government participating in any research alliances or programs to trial and evaluate new technology or approaches towards early detection of fires?
- (4) Has the Department commissioned, or evaluated the use of:
  - (a) drone fire detection technology;
  - (b) satellite technology;
  - (c) remote fire or smoke detection technology; and
  - (d) drone fire fighting technology?

**1467. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) On how many occasions has the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) attended unplanned fire events over the last two years?
- (2) On how many of these occasions was equipment that could have been deployed to attend unplanned fire events otherwise engaged with prescribed burning activities?
- (3) What is the average response time for attending unplanned fires that are detected on DBCA managed lands for each of the following assets when they have been requested of deployed:
  - (a) observation vehicles;
  - (b) light fire units and trucks;
  - (c) heavy equipment such as bulldozers and wheel loaders; and
  - (d) aerial fire fighters?
- (4) Will the Minister provide a breakdown of firefighting and response equipment maintained or available for use by DBCA in each of the districts, with specifications and locations?
- (5) Will the Minister provide records of the utilisation of each of these assets for prescribed burning operations including times/dates of deployment and standby periods over the past 24 months?
- (6) Will the Minister provide records of the availability of each of these assets to respond to unplanned fire events over the same period?

**1468. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the previous and draft versions of Regional Nature Conservation Plans that have previously been tabled in Parliament via additional questions during the 2018-19 Legislative Council Budget Estimates Hearings, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister table the current DBCA Regional Nature Conservation Plans for each of the regions;
- (b) if no to (a), why not; and

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- (c) what is statutory basis, if any, and legal status of the Regional Nature Conservation Plans?

**1469. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

- (1) Has the Department undertaken or commissioned an assessment of the health impacts of prescribed burning operations?
- (2) What is the estimated annual mortality and premature deaths caused by prescribed burning operations?
- (3) Has the Department conducted a risk and impact assessment considering the full range of impacts of prescribed burning on the economy, community, health and the environment and evaluating the net benefits of the current program?

**1470. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to Banksia Hill Detention Centre and Unit 18, and I ask:

- (a) how many vacancies for Youth Custodial Officers (YCO) were there at each facility as of:
  - (i) 1 January 2023;
  - (ii) 1 February 2023;
  - (iii) 1 March 2023;
  - (iv) 1 April 2023; and
  - (v) 1 May 2023;
- (b) how many total YCO shifts were unfulfilled at each facility during the months of:
  - (i) January 2023;
  - (ii) February 2023;
  - (iii) March 2023; and
  - (iv) May 2023 to date; and
- (c) how many total YCO shifts were unfulfilled at each facility on:
  - (i) 9 May 2023;
  - (ii) 15 April 2023;
  - (iii) 27 February 2023;
  - (iv) 12 January 2023; and
  - (v) 31 December 2022?

**1471. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the auto email response from the Minister's electoral office to my office on 26 April 2023 requesting advice on behalf of the Binningup Town Association (BTA). The BTA was seeking a

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response to their email sent on 7 March 2023 requesting an internal review of the JDAP decision on Albemarle's Development Application lodged on 12 July 2022, and subsequently heard at the Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) on 15 August 2022, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister advise if a Review of the JDAP decision is to take place as requested by the BTA;
- (b) if yes to (a), please provide a timeline for this process; and
- (c) if no to (a), why not?

**PAUL GRANT**

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council