

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Tuesday, 5 April 2022

655. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Environment

As previously published in the former Department of Environment and Conservation Yearbooks, I ask will the Minister table the following information in relation to prescribed burning within the three south-west forest regions (as defined by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)) for the year 2020-21, in table form:

- (a) the area and number of prescribed burns:
 - (i) in each land category (as classified by DBCA); and
 - (ii) the total area and total number; and
- (b) the area of prescribed burns in each region broken down by the following:
 - (i) dominant purpose;
 - (ii) season (ha);
 - (iii) grand total by season (ha);
 - (iv) seasonal (percentage); and
 - (v) grand total (ha)?

Answer

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response:

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(a)	Total Area	171,236.33ha							
(a)	Total Number of prescribed burns	120							
	Land Category	State Forest	National Park	Nature Reserve	Conservation Park	Softwood Plantation	Unallocated Crown Land	Other DBCA reserves or interest	Other Crown Land & Private Property
(i)	Total area (ha)	85,740.39	53,630.79	8,143.23	32.90	2,105.94	2,070.60	15,928.59	3,583.89
(ii)	Number* (304)	83	36	12	2	25	31	26	89

*Listed is the number of prescribed burns that contain any of the categorised tenure types. As each prescribed burn can have multiple tenure types, this contributes to the variation between the Total Number of Burns (120) and the Total Number of burns recorded against tenure categories.

(b)		Swan	South West	Warren	Forest Region Total
	All Prescribed Burns have an overarching purpose of Bushfire Risk Management				
(i)	Dominant Purpose	Biodiversity (56%) Silviculture (44%)	Biodiversity (94%) Silviculture (6%)	Biodiversity (75%) Silviculture (25%)	Biodiversity (75%) Silviculture (25%)
(ii)	Spring (ha)	33,581.83	37,692.90	30,265.70	(iii) 101,540.43
(ii)	Autumn (ha)	35,640.60	24,885.90	9,174.40	(iii) 69,695.90**
(v)	Total (ha)**	69,208.20	62,569.80	39,430.10	171,236.33
(iv)	Spring (%)	48%	60%	77%	
(iv)	Autumn (%)	52%	40%	23%	
Spring Season = 1 July to 31 December			Autumn Season = 1 January to 30 June		
**The small variation between total hectares over spring and autumn is attributed to areas that have been treated multiple times across seasons to achieve burn objectives.					

