

Division 57: Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia —

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Question: Ms M.M. Quirk asked: Which areas are paying the maximum ESL rate and which areas are on ESL 1 that are not serviced by hydrants?

Answer: FESA modelling indicates that 81,498 properties of 1,064,756 properties (7.7 per cent) will pay the relevant maximum ESL charge in 2012/13.

ESL Category 1 is comprised of the Perth Metropolitan Fire District being primarily protected by a network of 23 Career Fire and Rescue stations. ESL 1 extends from Butler in the north to Port Kennedy in the south and eastwards to Darlington.

A Water Corporation reticulated network with fire hydrants extends throughout this area to provide hydrant coverage appropriate to the prevailing land use. It should be noted that there are enclaves within ESL 1 that are undeveloped at this point of time, and these would not have reticulated water. However during the ensuing development and subdivision process, mandatory planning and fire protection requirements ensure that reticulated water and hydrants are installed to provide for fire emergencies.