

FIREFIGHTERS — INDUSTRIAL ACTION

1053. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the ongoing unresolved dispute between the government and the United Professional Firefighters Union of Western Australia over firefighters' pay and conditions.

- (1) Is the government concerned about potential industrial action by firefighters and what this might mean for the bushfire response this coming summer during the likely El Niño weather event, which is linked to dry, hot weather and more bushfires?
- (2) How is the government planning to resolve the dispute?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) No.
- (2) The United Professional Firefighters Union is currently balloting its membership on the government's offer.