

CARNARVON BUSHFIRES — DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION'S ROLE

7154. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Emergency Services

In regard to the recent Carnarvon area bushfires that started on Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) property and burnt 8,300 square kilometres of pastoral land, I ask;

- (a) when was DEC first notified of the fire;
- (b) what immediate action was taken to contain or extinguish the fire;
- (c) how many fire units were deployed and what other assistance was made available in terms of aircraft, private machinery etc.;
- (d) what was the time frame from when the fire started to when it was extinguished;
- (e) what was the extent of Fire and Emergency Service Authority's involvement;
- (f) what enquiry or investigation relating to the Carnarvon fire and fire control has been done, or will be done, and will the results be made public?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

The Member may wish to refer parts (a)–(d) and (f) to the relevant Minister.

The Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia (FESA) advises:

- (a)–(d) FESA is unable to provide a response due to the incident being a DEC managed fire.
- (e) During the period 12/1/2012 to 29/1/2012, FESA deployed from Perth 112 personnel (both volunteer and career across diverse incident management roles) and 15 fire appliances to the Carnarvon complex bushfire. FESA also deployed 1 x Type 1 Helitac air resource.
- (f) Not applicable