

PRESCRIBED BURNING — SOUTH WEST

930. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to prescribed burning targets in the South West, and I ask:

- (a) For each of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 what were the prescribed burning targets for the South West region; and
- (b) For each of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 what was the actual area subject to prescribed burns in the South West region?

Mr R.R. Whitby replied:

- (a) The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) aims to maintain a fuel age of less than six years since last burnt in at least 45 per cent of the landscape on DBCA managed lands across its three south-west forest regions.
- (b) The area of DBCA (and its predecessor) managed lands treated by prescribed burning across its three south-west forest regions per year was:

2015/16	154,149 hectares
2016/17	247,360 hectares
2017/18	218,965 hectares
2018/19	168,043 hectares
2019/20	132,940 hectares
2020/21	171,236 hectares
2021/22	192,257 hectares
2022/23	175,414 hectares