

KIMBERLEY BUSHFIRES

1330. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to concerns about the number of fires in the Kimberley at the moment.

- (1) How many active bushfires have occurred across the Kimberley since 1 April 2023?
- (2) How many of those fires were permitted?
- (3) How many hectares have been burnt from unpermitted fires?
- (4) How many people have been charged with arson since 1 April 2023?
- (5) What is the state doing to track down arsonists in the Kimberley?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services.

- (1) This question requires sorting through significant data sets, so I ask for it to be put on notice.
- (2) This information is held by the respective local government authority.
- (3) See (1).
- (4)–(5) Please refer these questions to the Minister for Police.