

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