

ENVIRONMENT — FIRE MANAGEMENT — UNALLOCATED CROWN LAND

1723. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attraction's on ground lead management of the 91.3 million hectares of unallocated crown land and unmanaged reserves outside the Perth metropolitan area, and the Departments responsibility for the targeted bush fire mitigation and biosecurity on the 91.3 million hectares, and for each of the financial years 2017–18 to 2022–23 inclusive, and I ask:

- (a) what was the total of all budgetary allocation for fir management/mitigation of unallocated crown land and unmanaged reserves within Western Australia (WA);
- (b) what was the actual dollar spend per hectare of unallocated crown land and unmanaged reserves in applying bush fire management/mitigation in WA;
- (c) what was the total of all budgetary allocations for biosecurity of unallocated crown land and unmanaged reserves within WA; and
- (d) what was the actual dollar spend per hectare of unallocated crown land and unmanaged reserves in applying biosecurity in WA?

Hon Darren West replied:

- (a) The total of all budgetary allocations for fire management/mitigation of unallocated Crown land and unmanaged reserves within WA is as follows:

Financial Year	Budget
2017/18	\$1,290,475
2018/19	\$1,496,460
2019/20	\$1,871,451
2020/21	\$2,759,512
2021/22	\$3,719,182
2022/23	\$3,443,521

- (b) The actual dollar spend per hectare of unallocated Crown land and unmanaged reserves within WA is as follows:

Financial Year	Actual spend	\$ spent per hectare (91.3M hectares)
2017/18	\$1,015,276	\$0.01
2018/19	\$1,272,630	\$0.01
2019/20	\$1,692,442	\$0.02
2020/21	\$2,324,264	\$0.03
2021/22	\$2,479,135	\$0.03
2022/23	\$3,458,697	\$0.04

- (c)–(d) The *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* enables community-coordinated established pest management at a landscape scale, to which the WA Government contributes over \$3 million per annum. In addition, DBCA has spent:

Financial Year	Budget	Actual spend	\$ spent per hectare (91.3M hectares)
2017/18	\$268,763	\$273,005	\$0.002
2018/19	\$222,303	\$210,398	\$0.002
2019/20	\$168,927	\$191,209	\$0.002
2020/21	\$272,437	\$263,209	\$0.002
2021/22	\$289,139	\$234,364	\$0.002
2022/23	\$294,137	\$290,821	\$0.002

