

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — VOLUNTEERS — CONTRIBUTION

991. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to opportunity 17 of “Reframing Rural Fire Management: Report of the Special Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire”, which states —

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (and, when established, the Rural Fire Service) to measure and report annually on the volunteer fire and emergency service worker contribution.

- (1) Does the Department of Fire and Emergency Services currently measure and report on this significant contribution; and, if so, please table the latest report?
- (2) Does this data also measure the considerable work that volunteers do beyond frontline emergency response, including administration, training, or cleaning and maintenance of appliances and facilities?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Is the minister aware that the Bushfire Volunteers association has developed a smartphone app that can be used to measure this data, and does the minister support the use of this app by bushfire volunteers or other emergency service volunteers?
- (5) Has the minister or the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner received any request to support the development or promotion of this application, and what response was given?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Emergency Services, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The minister advises that he is unable to provide an answer in the required time today. I will provide the member with the answer tomorrow.