

WORKING ON FIRE — CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT

153. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the contractual arrangement with Working on Fire to undertake fire management and suppression services.

- (1) Was this contract subject to a tender process; and, if not, why not?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) what is the reference number;
 - (b) when did this contractual arrangement commence;
 - (c) when is it due to conclude; and
 - (d) why was this contract considered necessary?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

- (1) The Department of Parks and Wildlife has not entered into a formal term contract with Working on Fire. Working on Fire has been engaged on a day-to-day, fee-for-service basis as fire management circumstances have required.
- (2) Not applicable.

Can I ask that the business of the house resume?

The PRESIDENT: As it is your birthday, I believe we could do that. It must be birthday season; Lisa Parrella had a birthday yesterday.