

FIREFIGHTERS — PRESUMPTIVE LAWS

103. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the October 2012 commitment of the state government to include volunteers in presumptive cancer coverage.

- (1) When will this occur?
- (2) Will it require a change to legislation?
- (3) If yes to (2), what legislation?
- (4) If no to (2), what are the impediments, if any, to the immediate implementation of this promise?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services advises —

- (1) The government is committed to the introduction of presumptive legislation to provide compensation for firefighters who suffer certain cancers. The bill is being progressed.
- (2) Yes, this will require changes to legislation.
- (3) Changes will be required to the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998 and the Bush Fires Act 1954.
- (4) Not applicable.