

BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM — LOCAL GOVERNMENT PILOTS

3048. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:

In relation to the bushfire management program pilots run in cooperation with local governments, can the Minister:

- (a) provide a list of the local government areas where these pilots have run to date;
- (b) have these pilots been evaluated or feedback sought:
 - (i) if so, what is the outcome of those evaluations; and
 - (ii) if not, why not;
- (c) what other local governments have been earmarked to participate in these programs;
- (d) for each of those remaining areas list when it is scheduled that the program is to be rolled out;
- (e) has the Commissioner recently received any report/s involving the status or success of the bushfire management program pilots; and
- (f) if so, will the Minister table the same?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises:

- (a) The following local governments have participated in the Bushfire Risk Management Planning (BRMP) pilot program:
 - Shire of Nannup;
 - Shire of Collie;
 - Shire of Augusta–Margaret River; and
 - Shire of Boyup Brook.
- (b) The BRMP pilot program recently concluded with each pilot Local Government submitting a draft version of their BRMP to the Office of Bushfire Risk Management (OBRM) for assessment against the BRMP Guidelines. Feedback has been submitted back to the Shires.
 - (i) DFES are conducting a review of the pilot against the four pilot objectives and are compiling a report which will include feedback from Local Government and stakeholders involved in the pilot. The report will be tabled at the next State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) meeting on 2 December 2014.
 - (ii) Not applicable
- (c) The BRMP pilot has concluded and no other Local Governments have been identified to be involved in the pilot program.
- (d) The scheduled rollout is still to be determined.
- (e) The Commissioner has received regular updates on the status of BRMP pilot and post pilot analysis. DFES are drafting a BRMP Pilot Report which will review the success of the pilot, experiences of participants, inform future resourcing decisions and costs associated with bushfire risk management treatments, as identified within the scope of the pilot.
- (f) The Commissioner will submit the BRMP Pilot Report to the Minister for Emergency Services via the SEMC in November 2014. Once considered and approved the Minister may table the report.