

EMERGENCY SERVICES — CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT ACT

3989. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to proposed changes to the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* which confer on the Chief Executive Officer the power to manage fires on lands which come within that Act, and I ask:

- (a) whether the Minister agrees with this change;
- (b) how will this change impact on the powers of the Commissioner of Fire and Emergency Services to take over control of serious incidents; and
- (c) isn't this amendment inconsistent with Keelty recommendations where departmental silos were found to be inimical to effective and timely fire management?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

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

- (a) Yes.
- (b) No impact.
- (c) No.