

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — FIRE HAZARD MINIMISATION

4521. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:

What is the policy of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services in relation to enforcement of the provisions of the *Bush Fires Act 1954* that require landowners to remove or minimize a fire hazard on their property?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises that primary responsibility for the implementation of provisions in the *Bush Fires Act 1954* that require landowners to remove or minimize a fire hazard on their property rests with the Local Government for the area concerned pursuant to section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

Where disputes arise, DFES officers liaise with the Local Government and land owners to deliver strategies to mitigate or address the risk.