

ESPERANCE BUSHFIRES — DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES —
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

1341. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to investigations into the fires at Esperance in November 2015.

- (1) Is the Premier aware that a series of freedom of information requests to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services by persons acting on behalf of Esperance fire victims have attracted substantial fees imposed, even though that information would be readily at hand in order for DFES to prepare its evidence for the pending coronial inquiry?
- (2) Given the department's statutory obligation to facilitate access, would the Premier consider instructing the minister to consider waiving the FOI access fees; and, if not, why not?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The response is —

- (1)–(2) This question should be redirected to the Minister for Emergency Services.

I might follow up on that.