

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — HAZARD MANAGEMENT PLANS

**778. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to today's *The West* online article "Bushfire-prone local governments fail to submit life-saving hazard management plans".

- (1) When did the minister become aware that up to 60 bushfire-prone local governments in south west WA had not submitted potentially lifesaving hazard management plans?
- (2) What steps has the minister taken to fix this problem?
- (3) Why was funding not made available in the 2017–18 budget to fund all local governments to complete these plans? Will the minister commit to this funding in the 2018–19 budget; and, if not, why not?
- (4) Has the minister received advice on the increased fire risk posed to communities where these plans have not been completed; and, if so, what is that advice?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I am not happy with the answer that has been provided, so I will get the member an appropriate answer for the next sitting day.