

**Divisions 13 and 24: Regional Development and Lands; Treasury — Item 44,
Royalties for Regions; and Item 125, Royalties for Regions (Capital) —**

[Supplementary Information No B11.]

Question: Mr C.J. Tallentire asked: What contribution is made by the Department of Regional Development and Lands, as well as other agencies, through memorandums of understanding, to provide management of crown lands?

Answer: A total of 37.1% of the State is Unallocated Crown Land (UCL), and 1% is Unmanaged Reserve (UMR). This equates to 89,561,159 hectares. The Department of Regional Development and Lands (RDL) currently spends approximately \$1,211,000 on UCL/UMR, this comprises of \$761,000 from RDL's internal budget and \$450,000 for Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia as per RDL's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with that agency.

The \$761,000 can be broken down further:

- \$422,000 of discretionary funding is allocated to service and maintenance costs related to rubbish removal, vegetation management, recreational use and property management;
- \$320,000 covers the full time equivalent costs only for the Contaminated Sites team; and
- \$19000 is for the Policy and Practice team, within State Land Services, to conduct risk management related activities.

RDL spends 1.35cents per hectare on the above activities

This cost does not include the \$950,000 that is used by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) to conduct its duties under the MoU between RDL and DEC for non-urban UCL and UMR fire management, as these funds do not form part of RDL's budget. Instead they are provided directly to DEC by the Department of Treasury.