

EMERGENCY SERVICES — NATIONAL BUSHFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM —
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TRIALS

5260. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the availability of grants from the National Bushfire Mitigation program for the trials of mechanical fuel load reduction and ask:

- (a) are you aware, or do you anticipate any such trials will be undertaken in Western Australia, under this or any other program. If yes, please provide details; and
- (b) if there is no firm proposal, what areas would be regarded as optimal for testing such fuel load mitigation?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

- (a)–(b) I would invite the Member to address this question to the Minister for Environment as the Department of Parks and Wildlife is the lead agency in mitigation in Western Australia.