

EMERGENCY SERVICES — AS3959 BUILDING STANDARDS

3987. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:

Can the Minister advise when interagency discussions occurred on the need for statutory power to trigger mandatory use of AS3959 building standards, when advice was sought on the same from the State Solicitor and has Cabinet been briefed on the State-wide Bushfire Prone Area map, and if so, when?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises:

In August 2011, the Government established the Bushfire Review Implementation Group (BRIG) to consider and oversee the implementation of the recommendations made by Mr Mick Keelty AO in “A Shared Responsibility: The Report of the Perth Hills Bushfire February 2011”. The BRIG comprised membership of relevant Government agencies, as well as Local Government and volunteer representatives, and met regularly until June 2014. During this time, regular progress updates were provided to stakeholders as well as made publicly available on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet website.

The mapping and declaration of bushfire prone areas was one of the projects considered by the BRIG.

Consistent with longstanding principles of confidentiality, it is not appropriate to disclose details about legal advice provided or the proceedings of Cabinet.