

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION — REPORT ON FIREFIGHTING

Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to a media statement issued by the Director General of the Department of Environment and Conservation last week, relating to the investigation of DEC officers involved in firefighting efforts at Boorabbin National Park, and the inquiry announced by the minister into the department's firefighting capability.

- (1) When will the report of that inquiry be concluded?
- (2) Does the minister intend to release it publicly; and, if so, when?
- (3) What systemic issues referred to in the director general's statement require addressing?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

- (1)–(2) I have recently received the report by Mr Euan Ferguson, Chief Officer, South Australian Country Fire Service, and will be meeting with him next week. The report will be made available to the public.
- (3) The systemic issues referred to by the director general related to ensuring that all DEC officers are fully accredited at the required level of incident complexity to perform the roles for which they are tasked, and the need to eliminate double booking of DEC's fire-related staff rosters. I am advised by the director general that these matters have been addressed.