

PRESCRIBED BURNING — HECTARES BURNT LIMIT

1786. Hon Steve Martin to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Environmental Protection Authority's report on the proposed 2024–33 Forest Management Plan, which recommended a caps on the numbers of hectares burnt under Western Australia's prescribed burning program, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister rule out ever agreeing to a cap on the State's prescribed burning program; and
- (b) if no to (a), how would the Department decide which areas would be treated, and which would be left unsafe, in the event that caps were reached?

**Hon Darren West replied:**

- (a)–(b) The *Minister's Appeal Determination, Appeals Against Report Recommendations: EPA report 1745 – Forest Management Plan 2024–33* details my rationale and associated determination on this matter.