

HEALTH — PRESCRIBED BURNS SMOKE

809. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Will the Minister table the following information in relation to the health impacts of smoke from prescribed burns undertaken by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and others in Perth and the South West from 2016 to 2021:
  - (a) how many visits to GPs were due to the impact of smoke from prescribed burns in each year and in total;
  - (b) how many visits to Emergency Departments were due to the impact of smoke from prescribed burns in each year and in total;
  - (c) how many hospital admissions were due to the impact of smoke from prescribed burns in each year and in total; and
  - (d) how many people died as a result of the impact of smoke from prescribed burns in each year and in total?
- (2) what is the estimated medical cost of all impacts on people related to smoke from prescribed burns by year and in total in the period 2016 to 2021?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (1)–(2) Emergency Department attendance data only records disease categories and not external cause information so it is not possible to identify external causes such as smoke inhalation. Information on the cause of the respiratory conditions is not collected in the emergency care setting.