

PRESCRIBED BURNING — POST-BURN EVALUATIONS

1463. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) How often does the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) undertake post-burn assessments or evaluations?
- (2) Will the Minister table post-burn evaluations for prescribed burns conducted within the Forest Management Plan area over the last three years?

Hon Darren West replied:

- (1) Post burn evaluations of achievement of the prescribed burn objectives are generally undertaken following the completion of a prescribed burn.
- (2) The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) completed 155 prescribed burns within the Forest Management Plan area over the years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22, of which 147 have completed post-burn evaluations. Given the level of agency resourcing required to source and provide potentially relevant information, it is not considered to be a reasonable use of government resources. I am happy to arrange a briefing by DBCA for the honourable Member.