

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — TECHNICIANS

**25. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer the minister to the bushfire emergency that occurred in parts of Henderson, Hope Valley, Naval Base and Wattleup on Saturday, 17 December.

- (1) How many units attended; and, of those, how many, if any, suffered technical issues?
- (2) How many technicians does the Department of Fire and Emergency Services employ who are qualified to resolve a total power failure if and when it occurs to a fire appliance, and how many were on call on 17 December?
- (3) Were there any other incidents that required a technician's attendance on that day; and, if so, at what locations?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) There were 97 response appliances that attended the Henderson incident on 17 December 2022. One technical issue was reported.
- (2) DFES currently has five FTE mechanical technicians and one FTE auto electrician employed. A technician was on call on 17 December 2022. This is in addition to our other fleet service partners, which also provide additional on-call support for DFES appliances.
- (3) Three appliance faults were reported at Malaga, Darlington and Baldivis that required a DFES technician's attendance on 17 December 2022.