

PRESCRIBED BURNING — INCIDENTS

1465. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) How many of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) prescribed burns have escaped their intended area or burned areas that were not intended over the last three years?
- (2) Will the Minister provide a list of such incidents?
- (3) Will the Minister table the post-burn evaluations or assessments for each of these burns?
- (4) If no to either (2) or (3), why not?

Hon Darren West replied:

- (1) 2019/20

9 escaped prescribed burns.

197 hectares burnt resulting from escapes from DBCA planned burns.

2020/21

4 Escaped prescribed burns.

107 hectares burnt resulting from escapes from DBCA planned burns.

2021/22

1 escaped prescribed burn

10 hectares burnt resulting from escapes from DBCA planned burns.

- (2) 2019/20

BF 2019 Blackwood 018

BF 2019 Donnelly 031

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BF 2019 Esperance 001

BF 2019 Geraldton 006

BF 2019 Perth Hills 014

BF 2019 Swan Coastal 137

BF 2019 Wellington 027

BF 2019 Wellington 069

2020/21

BF 2020 Perth Hills 018

BF 2020 Donnelly 002

BF 2020 Frankland 001

BF 2020 Donnelly 008

2021/22

BF 2021 Donnelly 015

- (3)–(4) 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.