

FIRE MANAGEMENT — UNALLOCATED CROWN LAND

1106. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Lands:

I will give this one a try. I refer to fire management on unallocated crown land.

- (1) As at 14 November 2022, how many square kilometres of Western Australia is deemed unallocated crown land?
- (2) Who is responsible for ongoing fire maintenance or preparation and fire mitigation activities on unallocated crown land in Western Australia?
- (3) What is the specific state budget allocation for the financial year 2022–23 for fire management of unallocated crown land in Western Australia, and from which departmental budget is this funding sourced?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) A range of government agencies and bodies play a role in bushfire mitigation activities on behalf of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage across the 955 547 square kilometres of unallocated crown land in the state, current as at July 2022.
- (3) Given the extent of crown land across the state, bushfire mitigation activities are concentrated in areas of high risk. We are unable to comment on state budget allocations across the various agencies that play a role in bushfire mitigation. For this financial year, \$4.1 million was allocated to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage for bushfire mitigation on crown land in response to high risk areas.