

PRESCRIBED BURNING — BURN OPTIONS PROGRAM

1609. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the prescribed burns the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) may conduct over the next 12 months in Blue Holes (FRK_074), Clear Hills (FRK_086), Sheepwash North (FRK_094), Thames (FRK_096) and Isle Road (FRK_098), and I ask:

- (a) has DBCA carried out fauna surveys for each of these burn locations;
- (b) if yes to (a):
 - (i) what was the date of the last fauna survey for each location; and
 - (ii) will the Minister table the fauna surveys and, if not, why not;
- (c) are there any EPBC-listed threatened species in the burn locations; and
- (d) if yes to :
 - (i) what are they; and
 - (ii) what action will DBCA take to protect these EPBC-listed species from the effects of a prescribed burn?

Hon Darren West replied:

- (a)–(b) Pre and post burn fauna surveys are carried out where there is a knowledge gap or known fire sensitives. Fauna surveys were completed for Clear Hills (FRK_086) and Thames (FRK_096) in 2022 and 2023. Surveys will be carried out for Aisle Road (FRK_098) prior to commencement of burning operations.

Fauna survey information is not in a format readily available for tabling. Given the level of agency resourcing required to source and prepare the requested information, it is not considered to be a reasonable use of government resources.

- (c) Yes.

- (d) (i)

Burn details	EPBC-listed threatened species
Blue Holes (FRK_074)	Calyptorhynchus banksii subsp. naso Calyptorhynchus baudinii Calyptorhynchus latirostris Setonix brachyurus Engaewa walpolea
Clear Hills (FRK_086)	Nannatherina balstoni Calyptorhynchus baudinii Setonix brachyurus Dasyurus geoffroii
Sheepwash North (FRK_094)	Calyptorhynchus banksii subsp. naso Calyptorhynchus baudinii Calyptorhynchus latirostris Myrmecobius fasciatus
Thames (FRK_096)	Calyptorhynchus baudinii Calyptorhynchus latirostris Setonix brachyurus Nannatherina balstoni Spicospina flammocaerulea
Isle Road (FRK_098)	Calyptorhynchus banksii subsp. naso Setonix brachyurus

- (ii) Known populations of threatened species within proposed prescribed burns will be managed through various actions informed by DBCA guidelines, operational knowledge, and latest available research findings.

