

FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK — FIRE

**299. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to the fire in the Fitzgerald River National Park on 10 February that burnt more than 4 400 hectares.

- (1) How much has the Department of Fire and Emergency Services allocated for fire mitigation in the great southern region in the financial years —
  - (a) 2020–21;
  - (b) 2021–22; and
  - (c) 2022–23?
- (2) How much has DFES allocated for fire mitigation in the Fitzgerald River National Park in the same years as (1)?
- (3) What was the cost of controlling the recent fire on 10 February?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, I provide the following answer.

- (1) Due to the level of detail required, it is not possible to provide an answer to this part of the question in the time frame available. The honourable member may wish to put this part on notice.
- (2) The Department of Fire and Emergency Services is not responsible for fire mitigation in Fitzgerald River National Park. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is responsible for prescribed burning in national parks.
- (3) I am advised by the Minister for Environment that the total expenditure relating to the recent Fitzgerald River National Park bushfire is yet to be finalised. DBCA is waiting on a number of invoices to be processed prior to determining the final cost for managing this incident.