

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION — FIRE MANAGEMENT

**1342. Hon STEVE MARTIN to the minister representing the Minister for Forestry:**

I refer to the Forest Products Commission's fire management measures.

- (1) For each of the last three financial years, what was the total expenditure by the Forest Products Commission on fire management measures in state forests?
- (2) For each of the last three financial years, what were the fire management measures and where were they undertaken?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. This answer, of course, was prepared some time ago. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Forestry.

- (1) Native forest fire management activities in state forests are undertaken by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions as the land manager. The Forest Products Commission's fire management activities in state forests focus on the direct or indirect protection of pine plantations. That expenditure is as follows: in 2019–20, \$2 346 699; in 2020–21, \$3 717 246; and in 2021–22, \$3 041 963.
- (2) Major fire management activities are carried out across the entire Forest Products Commission estate. Key aspects of fire management over the last three financial years were: liaison with DBCA, local government, DFES and forest industry partners; protection burning with DBCA on its lands adjacent to FPC plantations; hazard reduction burning of plantation logging slash and needlebeds on a targeted basis; firebreak and fire trail maintenance in and around plantations; and maintenance of a wildfire response capacity to protect plantation assets and support Western Australia's inter-agency fire structures.