

EMERGENCY SERVICES — FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK — FIRE

1337. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the recent fire in the Fitzgerald River National Park on February 10 which burnt more than 4,400 hectares, and I ask:

- (a) how much has the Department of Fire and Emergency Services allocated for fire mitigation in the Great Southern Region in the following years:
 - (i) 2020–21;
 - (ii) 2021–22; and
 - (iii) 2022–23;
- (b) how much has the Department of Fire and Emergency Services allocated for fire mitigation in the Fitzgerald National Park in the same years as (i); and
- (c) what was the cost of controlling the recent fire on February 10?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises:

- (a)
 - (i) 2020–2021
Mitigation Activity Fund (grants to local government) – \$865,305
Unallocated Crown Land/Unmanaged Reserves – \$92,403
 - (ii) 2021–2022
Mitigation Activity Fund (grants to local government) – \$1,638,395
Unallocated Crown Land/Unmanaged Reserves – \$161,415
 - (iii) 2022–2023
Mitigation Activity Fund (grants to local government) – \$1,750,128
Unallocated Crown Land/Unmanaged Reserves – \$133,050
- (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.