

EMERGENCY SERVICES — MT SHEILA BUSHFIRE

1210. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Minister for Emergency Services:

Without wishing to discombobulate the Leader of the House any further, I will direct my question to the Minister for Emergency Services.

I refer the minister to the bushfire incident in recent days close by in Mt Sheila. I thank all concerned for their service in the protection of the community.

- (1) How many firefighters were deployed to tackle the blaze?
- (2) What portion of those deployed were career firefighters and what portion were volunteers?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) There were 83 firefighting personnel in attendance over the 10-day duration of the incident.
- (2) In attendance over the 10-day duration of the incident were 16 Department of Fire and Emergency Services personnel, 67 DFES volunteers and 55 personnel from the FMG and Rio Tinto emergency response teams, and 37 machine operators from FMG and Rio Tinto were also utilised during the incident.