



Ms Renae Jewel
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Legislative Council Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations
Parliament House
Perth WA 6000

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Dear Ms Jewell

Subject: Transcript of Evidence

Thank you for the opportunity to correct factual information in the Transcript.

On page 24, second paragraph from the bottom, I said:

"If the emergency escalates, and it is warranted, then the State Emergency Management Committee is established as the state crisis committee and that introduces a greater level of coordination arrangements to respond to the incident".

I would like this corrected to read:

"If the emergency escalates, and it is warranted, then the State Emergency Coordination Group is established and that introduces a greater level of coordination arrangements to respond to the incident".

There are three key levels of Committees established by the *Emergency Management Act 2005*:

1. the *State Emergency Management Committee* which convenes regularly to, amongst other things, advise the Minister on emergency management and the preparedness of the State to combat emergencies (refer s14 *Emergency Management Act 2005*);
2. the *State Emergency Coordination Group* which is established if a state of emergency is declared or if an emergency occurs or is imminent to, amongst other things, ensure the provision of coordinated emergency management by public authorities and other persons (refer ss26,27 *Emergency Management Act 2005*); and
3. the *State Disaster Council* which is established if a state of emergency is declared with functions including liaising with the State Government and the State emergency Coordination group in relation to the state of emergency (refer ss63,64 *Emergency Management Act 2005*);.

It was my intention at the Committee Hearing to simply refer to the establishment of the *State Emergency Coordination Group* should an emergency escalate warranting a greater level of coordination arrangements.

There are a small number of typographical errors which have been corrected directly on the transcript as requested.

Yours sincerely

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