



Estimates and Financial Operations Committee
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Department of Fire and Emergency Services

The Committee asked:

1. What are some of the implications for your agency from the Commonwealth Budget released on 8 May 2018?

Answer: Nil implications.

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Hon Peter Collier MLC asked:

1. How many Aboriginal people were employed by the agency/department on July 1st 2017 and April 30th 2018?

Answer: July 1st 2017 - 46

April 30th 2018 - 48

2. How many Aboriginal people employed by the agency/department were Level 8 and above (including Senior Executive Service positions) on July 1st 2017 and April 30th 2018?

Answer: Nil.



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Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

1. I refer to Budget Paper 2 Volume 2, page 364, the line item titled 'Mitigation Works on Unallocated Crown Land' where there is no funding allocated in 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22

a) Why has no funding been allocated to mitigation works on Unallocated Crown Land?

Answer: \$34.6m has been allocated over the forward estimate period towards bushfire mitigation on crown land as identified within the "Details of Controlled Grants and Subsidies" table on page 374. This funding has been consolidated within the line item titled "Bushfire Risk Management Planning Program and Mitigation" on page 364.

The \$1.5 million in 2017-18 Estimated Actual is comprised of \$0.45million received directly from the then Department of Lands (DoL) for mitigation in metro areas, with a further amount of \$1.067million for 2017-18 from monies allocated to the then DoL from the Royalties for Regions Mitigation Activity Fund for mitigation of DoL Unallocated Crown Land in the regions.

b) What, if any, percentage of funding under the line item 'Bushfire Risk Management Planning Program and Mitigation' will be allocated to mitigation works on Unallocated Crown Land?

Answer: The percentage of bushfire mitigation funding towards unallocated Crown land is yet to be determined. A grants program will be established which will draw on bushfire risk management plans to assist in funding prioritisation.