



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

INQUIRY INTO AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT NO. 5 OF 2013: *BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS*

Whilst the Committee's terms of reference are the information contained within the Auditor-General's Report—the Committee will focus specifically on the following matters:

Strategic readiness for bushfire prevention and preparedness:

- a) strategic bushfire capability for the ACT—processes for preparation of a statement of strategic bushfire capability, review currency and processes, and identified stakeholder contributions;
- b) effectiveness of the current bushfire management governance framework as a fundamental requisite underpinning bushfire planning and response in the ACT. This includes the legislative and policy framework and related planning and compliance cycles—*Emergencies Act 2004*, whole-of-government five-year Strategic Bushfire Management Plan (SBMP), Regional Fire Management Plans (RFP) and bushfire operational plans (BOP) for individual land managers;
- c) resourcing required to effect the SBMP, RFP and BOP;
- d) fuel reduction required to effect the SBMP, RFP and BOP; and
- e) role of RFS volunteers in effecting the SBMP, RFP and BOP.

Farm Firewise Program:

- a) monitoring of the implementation of actions arising from Farm Firewise assessments; and
- b) relationship of the Farm Firewise Program with Land Management Agreements.

Implementation of Audit recommendations:

- a) progress on implementation of Audit report recommendations as agreed by the Government; and
- b) any other relevant matter.

The Auditor-General's report is available from: [http://www.audit.act.gov.au/auditreports/reports2013/Report No 5 of 2013 Bushfire Preparedness.pdf](http://www.audit.act.gov.au/auditreports/reports2013/Report%20No%205%20of%202013%20Bushfire%20Preparedness.pdf)

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