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STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

In relation to: **Budgets for future bushfire seasons**

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Significant costs were incurred managing the 19-20 bushfire season of \$20.6 million. What work is being done to ensure that in future years we have the budget and resources to respond?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Government has invested, and will continue to invest, in ensuring that our community continue to live in one of the safest cities in the world, with well-funded, well-resourced, and well-governed emergency services.

For urgent and unforeseeable events that are outside the scope of agency budgets, such as the 2019-20 bushfires, the existing Treasurer's Advance mechanism under section 18 of the *Financial Management Act 1996* provides for the management of these costs.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman MLA