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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: **Emergency services resources**

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We have 160 staff training in firefighting and incident management and we'll have an additional 99 firefighters by 2024-25. We also have a range of helicopters, vehicles and other equipment. Do we now have enough personnel and equipment to deal with the increasingly severe bushfires we expect with climate change or do we need more resources?

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

The Government is acutely aware of the threat that natural hazards present to our city. The Government has invested in ensuring that appropriate measures are in place, and 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.

We will continue to make the investments needed to deal with the risks as our city grows and the threat of bushfires increase due to climate change.

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Signature: 

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