



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr Andrew Braddock MLA on 23 November 2023: Minister Gentleman took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR BRADDOCK: Yes, can you tell me what is the area of land and hectares that have been burned in fuel reduction exercises in both the 21-22 financial year, 22-23 financial year? And then what is the projection for the 23-24?

Mr Gentleman: Yes, Mr Braddock, we might have to take the detail of that on notice. Can I just clear though that you are after the total amount of fuel reduction or individual amounts of fuel reduction in regards to bushfire preparedness, cool burns and cultural burns as well? Or just bushfire preparedness?

MR BRADDOCK: I am going to say bushfire preparedness. Anything that is reducing the fuel load, I suppose, is what I am after for there.

Mr Gentleman: Okay. Yes.

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

2021-22

A total of 13 prescribed burns were completed across an area of 325 hectares.

2022-23

A total of 19 prescribed burns were completed across an area of 1,105 hectares.

2023-24

Planned prescribed burns in the 2023-24 EPSDD Bushfire Operational Plan will cover up to 3,753 hectares subject to conditions being appropriate for burning.

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA