



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mr James Milligan MLA on 23 November 2023: Minister Gentlemen took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR MILLIGAN: Have you met the targets in terms of bushfire preparedness or burns? Have you met those targets over this calendar year or financial year?

Mr Gentleman: No, not quite, Mr Milligan. We have not, due to the conditions that have been provided for with the weather. However, what we have done is taken into place more opportunity to remove fuel load in different ways. So, we have done a lot more strategic grazing, strategic slashing, road verge grass removal as well on the edge of those trails that go up into Namadgi National Park.

So, where we cannot always get into burn because of the weather conditions, and the safety of our firefighters as well, we try and do wherever we can another operation to remove the fuel load, so the slashing and grazing. Much higher percentages of work per hectare or the number of the hectares of fuel load reduction in grazing and slashing than we do in fuel burns.

MR MILLIGAN: Have you met the targets or are you short? Have you got a percentage?

Mr Gentleman: Yes. We will find that for you.

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

In the 2022-23, EPSDD Bushfire Operational Plan, a total of 11,063 ha of fuel reduction activities were planned. A total of 10,349 ha was achieved, equating to a 94 percent completion rate.

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