



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: City & Government Services – EPSDD

Hearing: 11 February 2025

In relation to: Data on prescribed burning

Question received: 12 February 2025

Answer Due: 20 February 2025

- (1) How many hectares of prescribed burning was undertaken in 2025 in the Parks & Conservation areas in preparation for the current bushfire season?
- (2) Consequent to the government's response to recommendation 15 of the Bushfire preparedness inquiry of the 10th Assembly, have you as yet reached a conclusion about what additional data on hazard reduction activities you'll be including in future annual reports?

TARA CHEYNE MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) Since 1 January 2025, approximately 10 hectares of prescribed burns have occurred on ACT Parks and Conservation Service managed areas. The majority of prescribed burns occur during the Autumn and Spring period when weather conditions are suitable.
- 2) Noting the timing of the Committee's report and the Government's response, and that annual report preparations for 2024-25 have not yet begun, the Government response to Recommendation 15 of the report remains current.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment, Planning, Transport and City Services

Signature:

By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA

Date:

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