



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by Mr James Milligan MLA.

Reference: Hearing on 23 November 2023, Annual Report of the Justice and Community Safety Directorate

In relation to: Bushfire Preparedness

Minister, have the areas around Tuggeranong been properly mowed and maintained so that they are bushfire prepared?

Members of the community are concerned with the area particularly around Tuggeranong nature hill and through to Conder, can you give an update on the bushfire readiness of this area?

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

Tuggeranong Hill Nature Reserve is part of Canberra Nature Park, which is managed primarily for conservation objectives. Accordingly, tree removal and slashing operations are only undertaken for bushfire fuel management purposes.

Pursuant to the [Bushfire Operations Plan](#), slashing will occur once or twice per year in this area. After the first round of slashing is completed, ACT Parks and Conservation Service (PCS) staff will assess the fuel load and schedule a second cut for the first quarter of 2024 when required. From 16 November 2023, PCS completed six days of slashing operations at this location.

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Signature: 

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