



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Reference: Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Hearing: 18/02/2025

In relation to: Experience & Training for Incident Management Teams

Question received: 20/02/2025

Answer Due: 28/02/2025

With reference to the 10th Assembly's inquiry into bushfire preparedness, specifically recommendation 8 concerning the training and experience needed for senior management positions and the associated government response:

1. Does the government recognise and agree that recommendation 41 of the 2003 ACT bushfire coronial inquiry, concerning the training and experience of senior personnel in fire management, remains relevant to the recruitment criteria of senior management in the ACT's emergency services?; and
2. Has the ACT Government examined contemporary examples of incident management team training developed in the State of Victoria subsequent to the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission?

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. As noted in the Government Response to Recommendation 8 of the Inquiry into the ACT Environment's Bushfire Preparedness, recruitment to senior positions is carefully planned and considered, with a focus on selecting senior management staff that demonstrate strong, contemporary leadership abilities, alongside the capacity to manage an operational team in the fire environment.

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2. Incident management is considered by the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) on behalf of all jurisdictions and incorporated into the Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS).

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs

Signature: *M. Paterson*

Date: *4/3/25*

By the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Dr Marisa Paterson MLA