



Speech By  
**Hon. Nikki Boyd**


**MEMBER FOR PINE RIVERS**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Further Answer to Question, Rural Fire Service**

 **Hon. N BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery and Minister for Corrective Services) (12.06 pm): In relation to the question from the member for Burnett, I have been advised that the bushfires of the summer of 2019-20 were declared a national emergency in December 2020. QFES left the nominations open for a year to capture the most number of members and then processed approximately 3,000 nominations. This highlights the tremendous efforts of our heroic Queenslanders during that event. I want to take this opportunity to place on record our deep appreciation for those fires once again. All nominations were submitted to the Governor-General's office by May 2022. To date, no medals have been disseminated to QFES members despite regular contact with the Governor-General's office. The Governor-General's office has seen a significant number of nominations for individuals alongside many bulk nominations for emergency services and similar organisations from other states.