

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1441

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MS BATES ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to reduction burns in Springbrook, Lower Beechmont and Bonogin—

- (1) How many cold reduction burns were implemented and successfully undertaken in 2009-10?
- (2) How many burns were stopped and why?
- (3) What is the current estimated fuel load in Springbrook, Lower Beechmont and Bonogin?

ANSWER:

- (1). As part of the 2009 planned burn program the Department of Environment and Resource Management's Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service completed 4 planned burns aimed at fuel reduction within Springbrook National Park.

The planned burns covered over 500 hectares

- (2). No hazard reduction burns planned at Springbrook by the Department's Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service were stopped during 2009.

- (3) The estimated fuel loads throughout the centres of Springbrook, Lower Beechmont and Bonogin are variable and largely dependant on forest type, understorey condition and time since the last fire. The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service is responsible for fire management on protected areas through the implementation of a Fire Management Strategy.

If the honourable member is aware of any specific concerns, I would encourage her to advise me as a matter of urgency.