

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 308**  
**Asked on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

MR KRAUSE asked the Minister for Police and Community Safety (MR DEMPSEY) -

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline how recommendations of the Malone Review will benefit rural fire brigades?

ANSWER:

The review into Rural Fire Services (RFS) in Queensland, completed by the Assistant Minister for Emergency Volunteers, Mr Ted Malone MP, has delivered 91 recommendations regarding the structure, function, leadership and funding of rural fire services, including:

- a new focus on land management and mitigation at the local level;
- fire management groups in each rural fire district;
- retention of existing paid staff in support units and in district offices;
- and,
- the reduction of red tape and bureaucracy.

The recommendations of the review pave the way for greater support for our hard working volunteer rural fire-fighters at the local level and better management of Queensland's fire risk.

The recommendations have been approved in principle and those dealing with structural changes will be addressed in the context of the Keelty Review of Police and Emergency Services.