

Question on Notice
No. 90
Asked on 5 February 2020

MS C MCMILLAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON C CRAWFORD)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister update my community suburbs of Rochedale, Burbank and Priestdale how the Palaszczuk Government will support them in times of sustained dry weather, high temperatures and drought?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

I am advised by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) that its annual Operation Cool Burn period between April and August proactively focusses on risk mitigation for the bushfire season.

QFES has built strong operational relationships with our land management agency partners to develop a whole of government response to the community for bushfire management. These partner agencies are also members of Area Fire Management Groups who develop local bushfire mitigation strategies and fuel reduction programs in high risk areas to reduce the threat leading into the bushfire season.

The suburbs of Rochedale, Burbank and Priestdale are located in QFES' Brisbane Region, in a Fire and Rescue Service response area. 24/7 Fire and Rescue stations including Wishart, Capalaba and Redland Bay are available for initial response, and have the capacity to supply three fire appliances and an incident control vehicle. QFES will respond with the necessary resources for an incident.

During heightened fire danger periods, QFES will have aircraft on standby for mapping and observation as well as water bombing for rapid response to assist ground crews.

QFES Media also provides updated information on bushfire preparedness through a variety of media outlets.