

## Question on Notice

No. 1461

Asked on Wednesday, 15 November 2023

**MR R KATTER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (HON L LINARD)—

### **QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise (a) how many fires have started in National Parks in Queensland since 1 July 2018, (b) the causes of those fires, (c) how many of those fires have spread onto private property and (d) the number of hectares of private property which have been damaged by fires originating on National Park lands?

### **ANSWER:**

Between 1 July 2018 and 21 November 2023, 406 bushfires are known to have originated within national parks.

The known causes of these wildfires have included arson, lightning, litter, campfires, escaped burns and machinery and equipment. Some fires have also originated from unknown causes.

Of these, 80% were contained to the national park estate, with 82 fires moving off park. This compares with around four times more fires moving onto the estate.

In the period in question, five fires have moved off estate as a result of Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service planned burns escaping containment lines. This is 0.2% of the around 2100 planned burns that have been completed. By contrast, 98 escaped burns have moved onto the park estate from neighbouring properties (almost 20 times the number moving off park).

The Department of Environment and Science does not map fires outside of the land it manages.