

## Question on Notice

No. 1558

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**MS J BUSH** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WATER AND MINISTER FOR FIRE, DISASTER RECOVERY AND VOLUNTEERS (HON A LEAHY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the upcoming bushfire season and concerns raised by residents in The Gap about bushfire risks, and challenges arising from possible evacuations due to the 17,000 residents being almost entirely surrounded by bush, with just one arterial road out—

Will the Minister advise (a) if the Queensland Fire Department (QFD) has undertaken any modelling or calculations on the projected length of time it would take to fully evacuate the suburb of The Gap for a significant bushfire event, (b) if the QFD has undertaken this modelling or calculation, what is the projected length of time and (c) how is the QFD engaging with my community of The Gap to undertake preparedness activities including evacuation briefings and measures

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Fire Department (QFD) that the Brisbane Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) holds the primary responsibility for evacuation planning and execution.

During a significant bushfire event, the LDMG, comprising council representatives, Queensland Fire Department (QFD), Queensland Police Service (QPS), and other agencies, works together to coordinate operational response and community safety measures including evacuation.

I am advised that as bushfire evacuation planning and execution can be highly dependent on prevailing conditions at the time, specific evacuation modelling is typically not conducted in advance. More critical is ensuring the capability to rapidly plan and execute an evacuation based on real-time expert analysis and coordinated decision-making by QFD, QPS and the LDMG.

While QFD is not solely responsible for evacuations, the department issues proactive, accurate, and timely warnings to assist with effective evacuations across Queensland.

I am further advised by QFD that The Gap falls within the Brisbane and Moreton Bay Bushfire Management Committee (ABMC) area of responsibility. During 2025 under the guidance of the ABMC, proactive mitigation burning was conducted within the National Parks and Council Reserve surrounding The Gap. This proactive work serves to reduce the risk of bushfire in the area and provide healthy ecological outcomes to surrounding bushland.

Additionally, QFD delivers a range of campaigns and education programs to keep Queenslanders safe, including the Bushfire Safety advertising campaign which delivers

awareness and bushfire preparation messages to high-risk postcodes, encouraging them to prepare their property and to complete a bushfire survival plan.