QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(Of which some notice has been given)

Monday, 19 September 2011

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment.

With regard to fires on Walling Rock Station on or around Saturday 4th June 2011 I ask:

(1) Did the Department of Environment and Conservation or FESA issue a permit for the lighting of fires?

(2) If yes to (1) what were the permit conditions?

(3) Is the Minister aware that the fires at one stage burned out of control and could have threatened livestock and buildings?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

(1) The Department of Environment and Conservation did not issue a permit. It would be the responsibility of the local government authority to issue a permit to burn if a permit was required.

(2) Not applicable

(3) The Department of Environment and Conservation was only advised of the fire via the Shire of Menzies on 25 August 2011.