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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Questions on Notice Paper No 8**

**27 June 2025**

**Question No. 503**

**MR EMERSON MLA** - To ask the Minister for City and Government Services:

- 1) When was the last time the Hazard Reduction Burning Plan was reviewed.
- 2) Which experts have been consulted regarding the Hazard Reduction Burning Plan.

**MINISTER CHEYNE MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. There is no 'Hazard Reduction Burning Plan' for the ACT. The ACT Parks and Conservation Service (PCS), as the largest land custodian in the ACT, develops a Regional Fire Management Plan (RFMP). This RFMP includes the locations and timings of hazard reduction burns to meet fuel requirements of the ACT Bushfire Management Standards and to manage risk to the community and environment. The current RFMP was developed in 2019 to run through to 2028 with a mid-term review; this mid-term review (noting timelines changed due to the Orroral bushfire) is currently underway and is expected to be completed by December 2025.
2. PCS consults with a range of experts in preparation of the RFMP. This includes the Office of Nature Conservation, the Rural Fire Service, Multi-Hazard Advisory Council, PCS fire ecologists/ fire behaviour/ prescribed burning practitioners, risk assessment professionals and climate researchers from the University of Melbourne.



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