

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Ms Purick to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

**NT Fire Services**

1. How many NT Fire Service officers were sent to Central Australia to help fight the recent bush and wild fires.
2. What was the total cost to transfer the personnel and have them located away from their base station.
3. Was travel allowance (TA) paid and if so, what was the total cost.
4. What equipment was transferred and used to fight the fires and at what cost to transfer and use.
5. How many support staff were used in the operation and at what cost.
6. How many fire and emergency services officers traveled from interstate and how many from which state.
7. What was the cost of the interstate personnel working in the NT if the cost was borne by the NT Government.

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**ANSWER**

1. 18.
2. \$58 147.
3. Yes. \$17 273.
4. The NT Fire and Rescue Service (NTFRS) relocated two grass fire units and a tanker from Darwin to Alice Springs. The major cost was in fuel for NTFRS and SA Country Fire Service (SACFS) vehicles. Total cost \$65 467.
5. Numerous people across the agency supported the operation as part of their normal duties. There is no separate cost item.
6. 18 from SA.
7. \$8 901. This cost will be part of the overall cost-recovery proposal by the NT through the National Disaster Relief Arrangements.