



Inquiry into the assets, premises and funding of the NSW Rural Fire Service

Terms of Reference

That the Public Accounts Committee inquire into and report on:

1. The mechanisms for:
 - a. funding Rural Fire Service assets and premises;
 - b. Maintaining Rural Fire Service assets and premises;
 - c. Accounting for the ownership of Rural Fire Service assets and premises;
 - d. Operational management, including the control of assets and premises, risks, and impacts to local government, and the ability to effect a response to emergencies;
2. Whether the following arrangements between Councils and the Rural Fire Service are fit for purpose:
 - a. Service agreements;
 - b. The division of responsibilities for bushfire management and hazard reduction;
 - c. Upkeep of assets;
 - d. The provision of insurance;
 - e. Provision of land and construction management for RFS premises;
 - f. Bushfire Management Committees
3. The appropriate role for local authorities in the provision of emergency services;
4. the sustainability of local government contributions to emergency service provision;
5. Any other related matters.

