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Senator Rice asked:

Senator RICE: Yes, exactly—well, there are two situations: the standard planned burns in autumn and spring. How many referrals have you had or do you have from each state?

Mr Gaddes: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator RICE: Could you take it on notice as to how many referrals and where they have been, say, over the last three years.

Mr Gaddes: Yes.

Senator RICE: That would be useful.

Answer:

Two actions have been referred to the Department of the Environment since 2013.

Both referral decisions are within the state of Western Australia. Both referral decisions were deemed Not Controlled Actions.