



Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee

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Questions taken on notice

Directed to: Horsham Rural City Council, Brian Klowss

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- 1. Question:** When it came to communication – when the fire hit your property, how long was it from when it initially started to get into your property?– So the other people that you had to evacuate later on, did they see any warnings prior to you rocking up and saying, ‘You’ve got to leave now’?

Brian KLOWSS: I will probably take that on notice, but there are things that come out of this, especially around these fast-moving fires.

Response The fire took approximately 20 mins to get the 7km to our property. We evacuated 2 homes: one a young couple and another an elderly gentleman. This happened at about the 15 min mark after the fire started: these people hadn't seen any warnings at that stage that I'm aware of.