

APPENDIX C

THE HEARINGS: A SUMMARY

Table C.1 provides summary information about the hearings, which took place in seven 'blocks'. Hearings took place from 11 May 2009 to 27 May 2010, accounting for 155 hearing days and 434 witnesses.

Table C.1 The hearings: a summary

| Hearing block | Main topics covered in hearings | No. of hearing days |
|--|--|---------------------|
| 1 11 May – 6 July 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What happened ■ Warnings ■ Evacuation ■ Stay or go policy ■ Refuges ■ Detection of fires ■ Incident control and management ■ Emergency management ■ Emergency calls (000) ■ Victorian Bushfire Information Line ■ Community education ■ Oral submissions relating to interim recommendations | 37 |
| 2 24 August – 24 September 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Building ■ The integrated Emergency Coordination Centre ■ Electricity ■ Causes and circumstances of Beechworth–Mudgegonga, Coleraine, Horsham and Pombooneit–Weerite fires ■ Inquiry into fire-related deaths (Beechworth–Mudgegonga, Bendigo and Churchill) | 21 |
| 3 5 October – 6 November 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CFA maps ■ Causes and circumstances of Murrindindi, Churchill, Pombooneit–Weerite, Bendigo and Redesdale fires ■ Prevention of arson ■ Organisational structure ■ Inquiry into fire-related deaths (Murrindindi) | 20 |
| 4 16 November – 15 December 2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Causes and circumstances of Kilmore East, Bunyip, Delburn, Narre Warren and Upper Ferntree Gully fires ■ Systemic matters ■ Electricity, roadblocks, training, staffing and resourcing of incident management teams and incident control centres ■ Inquiry into fire-related deaths (Murrindindi) ■ Neighbourhood safer places ■ Impact of fires on individuals and communities ■ Oral submissions building, arson | 18 |
| 5 1 February – 4 March 2010 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Oral submissions (fires) Kilmore East, Beechworth–Mudgegonga, Coleraine, Pombooneit–Weerite, Horsham, Murrindindi, Redesdale, Bendigo, Churchill, Delburn, Bunyip, Narre Warren, Upper Ferntree Gully ■ Planning ■ Land and fuel management ■ Roadside clearing ■ Inquiry into fire-related deaths (Kilmore East) | 21 |

| Hearing block | Main topics covered in hearings | No. of hearing days |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 6 17 March – 1 April 2010 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Insurance ■ Inquiry into fire-related deaths (Kilmore East) ■ Firefighter safety ■ Mapping ■ Kinglake back-burn ■ Information sharing ■ Municipal fire prevention scheme ■ Oral submissions electricity, planning, resourcing of incident management teams and training | 11 |
| 7 6 April – 27 May 2010 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Recovery and emergency management ■ Implementation reports and responses in relation to code red days ■ Aerial firefighting ■ Communications ■ Resource management and tracking ■ Future bushfire research ■ Stay or go revised ■ Organisational structure ■ Inquiry into fire-related deaths (Kilmore East) ■ Oral submissions fuel management, roadside clearing, insurance, mapping, firefighter safety and welfare, information sharing, aerial firefighting, communications, resource management and tracking, stay or go revisited, organisational structure, leadership, emergency management, coordination, command and control | 27 |
| Total | | 155 |