



**The Country Fire Service
Volunteers Association**
"Representing the interests of CFS Members"

CFSVA General Meeting

April 2022

Notes:

Pre-election lobbying

Pre-election commitment

"... a Malinauskas Labor Government will revisit the response so far to the recommendations of the Keelty Review into the 2019/20 bushfires and ensure that any outstanding actions - particularly those which affect the safety and welfare of CFS volunteers - are implemented as soon as practicable. Where improvements to technology such as Automatic Vehicle Location and burn over protection have been promised, Labor will prioritise their delivery.

Keelty Review: list of outstanding commitments available of CFSVA website

AVL: presentation by Georgie Cornish

Disciplinary process:

Still awaiting draft of the CFS Progressive Disciplinary Policy

Due out April 2022

Professional Standards Officer:

Barry Sheppard appointed late last year

Has expedited / resolved a number of matters

CFS policy is now being followed

Laundering of PPC:

Contact awarded

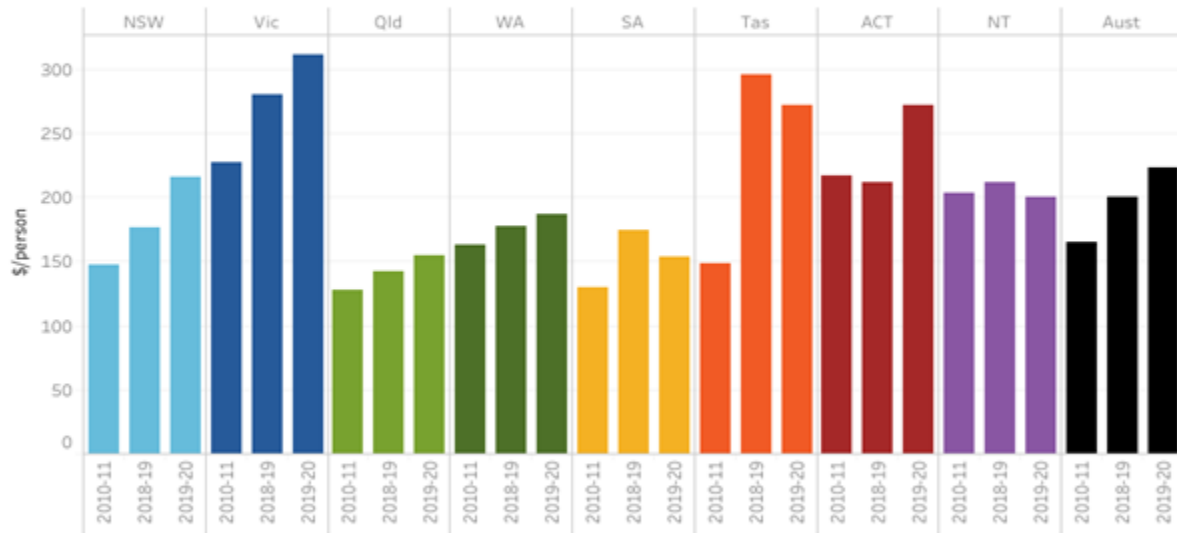
Still some points to be addressed

Facts to Note:

- CFS' 13,500 volunteers contribute over \$150 million per annum to the South Australian economy. This is equal to over \$600 million per any 4 year term of Government.
- CFS has the lowest staff to volunteer ratio in Australia
- CFS' staff to volunteer ratio is 1.3% compared to SASES which is 7% (7% is approximately the correct staff to volunteer ratio)
- The Report on Government Services 2021 (RoGS 2021) released by Productivity Commission in January 2022 identifies that the per capita funding to the South Australian Fire Services (CFS and MFS) is consistently below the Australian average.

Jurisdiction:
 NSW Vic Qld WA SA Tas ACT NT Aust

Figure 9.5 Expenditure per person (2019-20 dollars) by jurisdiction, by year



Source: table 9A.13

Nationally in 2019-20, the total expenditure of fire service organisations was \$223 per person in the population, continuing the annual increase from 2016-17. Expenditure data disaggregated by labour, capital and other costs are available in table 9A.13.

Facts continued:

These statistics identify that whilst other states impacted by major bushfires during the 2019/2020 fire season have increased funding to their state fires services, funding to the South Australian fire services (CFS & MFS) has in fact decreased.