

## Report on Government Services 2013

**FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES: FIRE EVENTS  
(CHAPTER 9)**

This chapter reports on the performance of governments in providing emergency management services provided in the event of fire and out of hospital medical emergency events. This factsheet focuses on services for fire events.

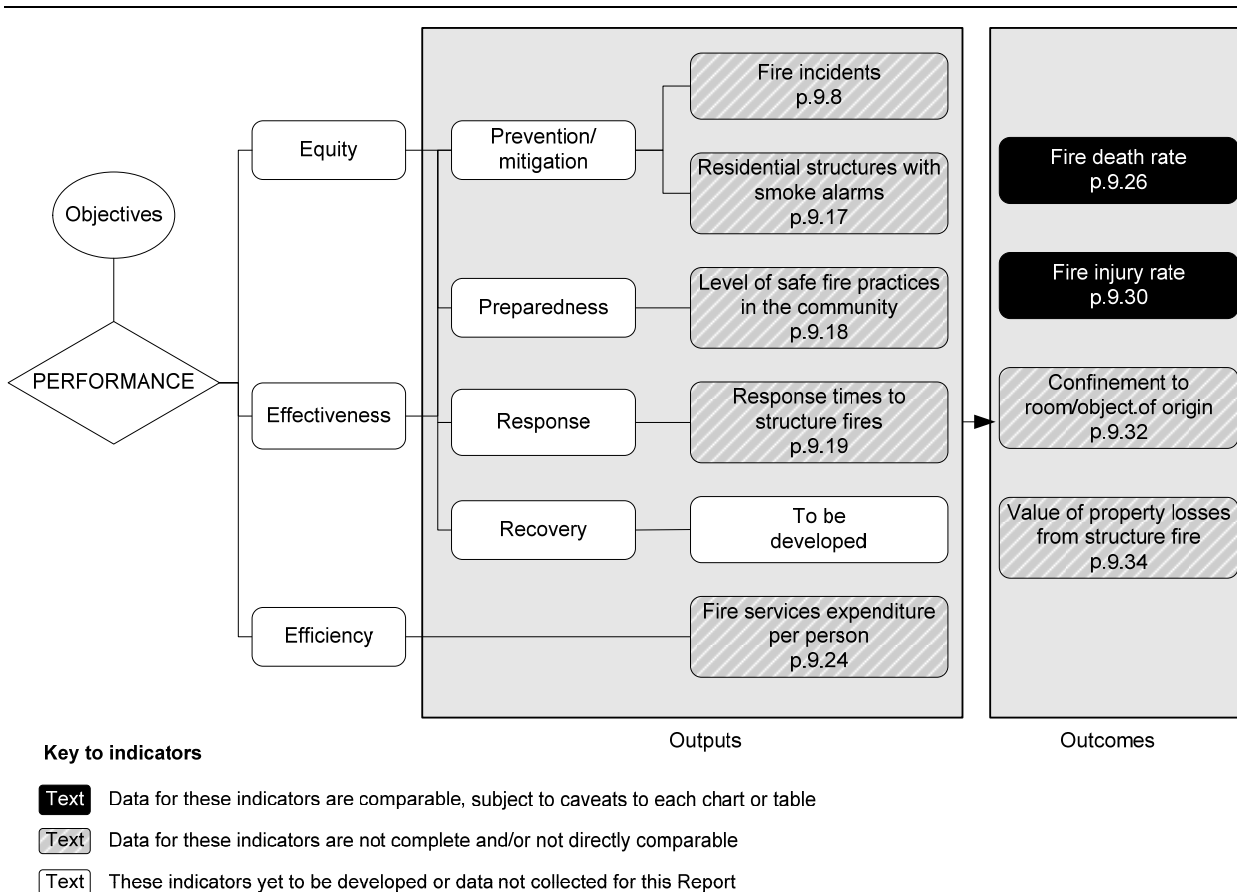
- A fire event is an incident that is reported to a fire service organisation and requires a response. Fire events include (but are not limited to): structure fires (that is, fires inside a building or structure), regardless of whether there is damage to the structure; landscape fires, including bushfires and grass fires, regardless of the size of the area burnt; and other fires, including vehicle and other mobile property fires, and outside rubbish fires. Nationally, fire service organisations attended 99 841 fire incidents in 2011-12 (p. 9.5).
- Performance reporting for fire events includes information on fire service organisations as the primary agencies involved in providing emergency management services for fire events. Recurrent expenditure across Australia was more than \$3.4 billion (or approximately \$152 per person) in 2011 12 (p. 9.25). Nationally, there were 17 854 full time equivalent paid personnel and 211 898 volunteers in fire service organisations in 2011-12 (p. 9.5).

**Objectives for emergency services for fire events**

The objective of government involvement in fire events is to build fire resilient communities that work together to understand and manage the fire risks that they confront. Emergency management services provide highly effective, efficient and accessible services that:

- reduce the adverse effects of fire events on the community (including people, property, infrastructure, economy and environment)
  - contribute to the management of fire risks to the community
  - enhance public safety (p. 9.6).
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Performance indicators for emergency services for fire events (figure 9.1, p. 9.6)



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