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## VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE RESPONSE

[6.34 p.m.]

**Mrs BUTLER** (Lyons) - I would like to place on the record that I have had a phone call from Mary Hodsen, who is the coordinator for Uniting Care for the clothing appeal and to let Tasmanians know that all the Tasmanian donations to the Victorian bushfire relief have been unloaded and placed in their warehouses and have started to move out. She was absolutely astounded that there was 20 tonnes of clothing and she is amazed that we collected that within three days. She says that the standard of clothing ranges from very good, to excellent, to extraordinary. So she is absolutely thrilled to bits with what is there and it is going straight out to Kinglake and Bendigo, because Bendigo missed out in the first distribution. So I just want to let members know that they are very grateful - photos are coming - and she wanted to thank us at the very highest level possible.