



Freedom of Information request

FA 20/11/00504

- (1) Who is currently in charge of the disaster management function?

[The Department of Home Affairs Emergency Management and Coordination Group Emergency Management and Coordination Group | Government Online Directory](#)

[The Director General of Emergency Management Australia Operations Division is Joe Buffone Emergency Management Australia Division | Government Online Directory](#)

- (2) When did the people in charge of this function commence in their role and what are their employment and education backgrounds?

Joe Buffone commenced his role as Director General on 26 October 2020. He has been with EMA since December 2016 and has held multiple roles within the organisation. As Director General, Joe is responsible for overseeing Australian Government Crisis Coordination Centre, Coordination of Australian Government Disaster Assistance (non-financial), Physical Security for Australian Holders of High Office, Major Events Security and Commonwealth Disaster Recovery funding.

Joe has more than 30 years' experience in security and disaster management and has held a number of key senior positions.

Joe has had direct involvement in coordinating and responding to major emergencies in Australia and internationally, at the Strategic, Operational and Tactical levels. Some examples are; Leading the Victorian Aged Care Response Centre 2020, Black Summer 2019-20, Far North Queensland Floods 2018-19, Cyclone Debbie 2017, Tasmanian Bushfires 2016, Wye River Bushfires 2016, Nepal Earth Quake 2015, Somerton Building Waste Fire 2015, Hazelwood Mine Fire 2014. NSW Bushfires 2014, 2011 Victorian Floods, 2009 Black Saturday Fires in Victoria. Joe has also served in the Australian Defence Force.

Academic Qualifications: Masters of Business, Graduate Diploma in Disaster Management, Diploma in Security Management.

- (3) What is the official website/s for disaster management?

[Emergency management \(homeaffairs.gov.au\)](http://homeaffairs.gov.au)

- (4) What is the official physical address/es for EMA?

Dept of Home Affairs 5 Chan Street Belconnen ACT

- (5) What are the official phone numbers for EMA?

Department of Home Affairs switchboard (02) 6264 1111

(6) What are the official email addresses for EMA?

No listed email addresses

(7) What are the official social media platforms for EMA?

EMA does not use social media platforms. This is coordinated by the Department of Home Affairs.

(8) What is the organisation chart for disaster management?

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(9) What is the Budget specific to this disaster management?

Items relevant to the EMA budget are contained within the following budgeted expenses for outcome 1 - [2020-21 Home Affairs Portfolio Budget Statements](#) :

- Program 1.7 - National Security and Criminal Justice (Page 32 and 42), and
- Program 1.10 - Australian Government Disaster Financial Support Payments (Page 33 & 45)

(10) How many people are employed in disaster management ?

Within the Emergency Management and Coordination Group there are approximately 160 staff however this number changes frequently.