

## **Personal protective clothing program**

Despite a number of industrial disruptions, the structural firefighter protective clothing project has continued to compile research data, including the completion of Wollongong University research into heat storage in firefighting protective ensembles. CFA and MFESB jointly scoped this research using the facilities of the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences.

The full consultative committee has received the final report and the first draft of the ensemble 'performance' requirements has been prepared with a number of potential variations now under consideration.

Tenders and performance options have been completed, short-listed design options and field consultation has commenced. Field trials and final specifications are expected to be completed by the end of the current financial year.

Field trials for wildfire gloves have also commenced, with samples sent to selected volunteer members. Field trials are expected to be completed by October 2003.