

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — FIRE TRUCKS — DECOMMISSIONING

238. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the process following the decommissioning of a Department of Fire and Emergency Services fire truck.

- (1) Is the firefighting equipment from a decommissioned fire truck removed?
- (2) If yes to (1), why; and, if so, is the equipment recycled?
- (3) Are retired fire trucks resold at auction?
- (4) If yes to (3), are there any opportunities for regional local authorities or farmers to purchase a decommissioned fire truck directly from DFES or the local government before firefighting equipment has been removed?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Emergency Services.

- (1) Yes. Minor and non-permanently fixed equipment—radios, hoses et cetera—are removed and repurposed or disposed of. The permanently fixed equipment, such as the water tank and pump, are sold with the appliance.
- (2) If the equipment has reached the end of its serviceable life, it is disposed of. If the equipment is deemed safe and appropriate, the equipment can be repurposed for use on other fire appliances.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) No. The disposal of Department of Fire and Emergency Services vehicles and equipment is governed by the State Supply Commission disposal of goods policy.