

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — OPERATIONAL FLEET PROJECT

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

I refer to today's *Farm Weekly* article, "Features to improve firefighting safety", which says trials of modified firefighting trucks with extra safety features, via the operational fleet project, began this week at the Esperance volunteer fire brigades to improve their ability to respond to difficult-to-reach areas.

- (1) How long has the operational fleet project been operational?
- (2) What funding is available for the project?
- (3) If the Esperance trial is successful, what other Western Australian volunteer fire brigades could be given access to modified firefighting trucks with extra safety features?

**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) The operational fleet project has been operational since September 2018.
- (2) Department of Fire and Emergency Services' capital funding through the asset investment program budget.
- (3) The safety and operational needs of emergency services personnel is at the forefront of the operational fleet project. Decisions on how to best apply the findings of the trial will occur after the trial has been completed and evaluated.