

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES —
BUILDING PROJECTS AND FLEET VEHICLES

1298. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the Western Australian Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

- (1) Could the minister please advise how much it has spent over the past 10 years on buildings for the following services —
 - (a) career fire and rescue;
 - (b) volunteer fire and rescue;
 - (c) State Emergency Service; and
 - (d) fire and emergency service units?
- (2) What was the source of funding for each of these building projects?
- (3) I note that the department has recently put out a tender for vehicle fleet replacements. How much funding is allocated out of the emergency services levy for this procedure?
- (4) Given the findings of the Ferguson report about offering the fleet vehicles back into local and farming communities, what has the government done to progress this recommendation?
- (5) Can the minister please explain what the Department of Fire and Emergency Services is doing to enable the rural and rural-urban interface zones to have fit-for-purpose off-road vehicles rather than what is being forced upon them in the current city-centric vehicle fleet design?
- (6) Can the minister please explain why the tender documents reflect a prescriptive outcome and are not written in such a way as to enable a more innovative fit-for-purpose tender process that is reflective of rural and rural-urban needs?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I am informed that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services is unable to provide this information in the time available. The minister asks that the member place the question on notice.