

BUSH FIRE BRIGADES — APPLIANCES

719. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

- (1) Can the Minister for Emergency Services confirm whether each of the following bush fire brigades will be receiving new fire trucks/appliances, as promised, this fire season —
 - (a) Preston Beach;
 - (b) Esperance;
 - (c) Victoria Plains;
 - (d) Gosnells; and
 - (e) Manjimup?
- (2) If no to any part of (1), why not?
- (3) If no to any part of (1), have any or all of those promised trucks/appliances been reallocated to the Margaret River region?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The following brigades will receive new appliances in 2012–13 as part of a replacement program for currently serviceable fire appliances already in operation—Shire of Waroona, Preston Beach Bush Fire Brigade; Shire of Manjimup, Quinninup Bush Fire Brigade; Shire of Victoria Plains, Calingiri Bush Fire Brigade; City of Gosnells, Gosnells Bush Fire Brigade; and Shire of Ravensthorpe, Hopetoun Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service. However, delivery timings have been readjusted based on the need to allocate new appliances to areas of highest risk in readiness for the 2012–13 southern bushfire season. Furthermore, new appliances for these brigades were scheduled as part of a replacement program for currently serviceable fire appliances already in operation in those local communities. The short delay in delivery of the replacement fire appliances will not reduce current fire suppression capabilities and FESA will work with local government to ensure that the appliances affected by the delayed replacement remain in a fit operational condition until replaced.