

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES - BUNBURY

848. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the minister representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- (1) Has the Fire and Emergency Services Authority developed a proposal for fire and emergency services in the greater Bunbury area?
- (2) Will the minister table a copy of that proposal?
- (3) Has the minister agreed to that proposal?
- (4) Does FESA propose establishing a new career - not volunteer - fire and rescue centre in Australind; and, if so, where; how much will it cost; and when will this take place?
- (5) Does FESA propose moving the existing career fire and rescue station from Forrest Avenue; and, if so, to where; when; and at what cost?
- (6) What will be the implications of such changes in regard to the quantum of FESA levy for residents in Australind; Eaton; and Dalyellup?
- (7) Who was consulted by FESA before these proposals were developed and when?
- (8) How many career firefighters are there in the greater Bunbury area now and how many would there be under the proposals by FESA?
- (9) Has the minister signed off or agreed to any of the proposals?
- (10) Were the results of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats analysis conducted by the volunteer fire brigade in the greater Bunbury area taken into account in FESA's planning for the area; and if so, how?
- (11) Will the minister agree to an urgent briefing on FESA's proposals for Liberal Party members representing the greater Bunbury area?

Hon JON FORD replied:

I thank Hon Nigel Hallett for some notice of the question. The Minister for Police and Emergency Services has provided the following answer -

- (1)-(7) Yes. FESA has developed a greater Bunbury region resource concept plan which has been used as the basis for extensive consultation with local governments, volunteers, government agencies and other stakeholders.

The greater Bunbury region covers all of the local government districts of the City of Bunbury and the Shires of Capel, Dardanup and Harvey. A strategic view has been taken to ensure that resource allocation is based on locating emergency resources in areas of identifiable risk throughout the greater Bunbury region. This includes a number of options for delivery of fire services by both volunteer and career brigades. The concept plan was developed using a needs based analysis and risk management framework - AS/NZS 4360 risk management standard. The recommendations are intended to assist the four local governments and FESA to provide enhanced community safety to meet the community needs of the rapidly growing region. Provision of fire services in terms of location, time frames, cost and impact on emergency services levy categories can be provided only once the outcome of the current review has been finalised.
- (8) Currently 21. Future numbers cannot be quantified until the outcome of the review.
- (9) No.
- (10) Yes. As a result of the analysis and feedback received, a revised concept paper is being developed as the basis for the next round of consultations.
- (11) Yes. I have asked the chief executive officer of FESA to determine a suitable date to brief all interested members of Parliament on this matter.