

FIREFIGHTING — TRUCKS AND APPLIANCES — TENDERING CONTRACTS

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

I refer to the recent re-tendering of 12-year contracts for the modification and construction of firefighting trucks and appliances, several of which have been held by small companies based in regional towns for as long as 25 years.

- (1) How many regionally based contractors have not had their contracts renewed?
- (2) How many employees of these companies will lose their jobs when the existing contracts expire in January?
- (3) What is the combined total value of the contracts lost in regional Western Australia?
- (4) What is the value of any new contracts for the provision of this equipment that will now be awarded to companies operating in the Perth metropolitan area?
- (5) What is the value of any new contracts for the provision of this equipment that will now be awarded to companies operating outside of Western Australia?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(5) The expression of interest process is ongoing. At this stage no new build contracts for firefighting appliances have been tendered.