

ST JOHN AMBULANCE — EMERGENCY HELICOPTER

825. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) Is it true that St John Ambulance has been asked to reduce its use of the emergency helicopter funded under the Fire and Emergency Services Authority budget because of cuts to the FESA budget?
- (2) Can the minister confirm reports that senior management at St John Ambulance has overruled communications centre staff decisions to send the emergency helicopter to attend regional crashes?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

The Fire and Emergency Services Authority advises —

- (1) No; there have been no budget cuts.
- (2) This question needs to be redirected to St John Ambulance.