

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEERS —  
CODE OF CONDUCT — COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

**467. Mr D.T. REDMAN to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I have a supplementary question. What authority does DFES have to prevent volunteers from raising legitimate concerns with their elected members of Parliament, and what consequences will be imposed on volunteers if they breach the minister's code of conduct?

**Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:**

They are covered by the Fire and Emergency Services Act, and if they have something that they want to take up with the member as an elected member, outside their role as a volunteer, of course they can; they are citizens. But their first point of call is their responsibility to the commissioner under an act of Parliament—something you, as a former minister, should know.