

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — VOLUNTEERS

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

My question without notice is to the Minister for Emergency Services —

Mr F.M. Logan interjected.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I am over here. The minister is still a member. He is not going yet!

I refer to the lack of a response provided to Hon Colin de Grussa yesterday about the rollout of life-saving defibrillators for every regional fire brigade and that it has been 12 months since the minister made this announcement via a dorothea dixer.

- (1) Have 780 regional fire trucks been fitted with defibrillators?
- (2) What is current policy on the use of defibrillators, and can the minister please detail exactly what he knows about that?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

- (1)–(2) I know that primarily volunteers called for the defibrillators and that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services agreed that we would roll them out across all the vehicles—both career firefighter and volunteer vehicles—across Western Australia. It is a great outcome. Funding was made available through the Department of Fire and Emergency Services so that each of these vehicles can add to the community service that they provide should they come across someone who may be having a heart attack. Why would the member want to politicise this?