

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — REPLACEMENT RESPONSE VEHICLES

1093. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to question on notice 1797, asked on 19 February 2019, regarding the Department of Fire and Emergency Services operational fleet project.

- (1) Has this program replaced the future fleet program?
- (2) What consultation has been undertaken with emergency service groups to ascertain the most appropriate replacement vehicles for each brigade, group or unit?
- (3) What opportunity is there for individual Volunteer Emergency Service groups to provide feedback or recommendations into the most appropriate replacement vehicles for their circumstances?
- (4) What is the implementation time frame for the operational fleet project?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Consultation has been extensive and has involved the formation of project advisory teams whose members work collaboratively to ensure that the operating requirements of the relevant services are incorporated into conceptual design, detailed design and first-of-type evaluation and trials. The project governance structure includes a project board, with membership from all emergency service groups.
- (3) The operational fleet project is using the design and delivery model that enhances stakeholder engagement and provides a mechanism for volunteers to offer feedback. It also streamlines the process to deliver the design, specifications, first-of-type and build contracts for the DFES operational fleet. In-service vehicles are also being evaluated by volunteer brigades, groups and units through this project.
- (4) The operational fleet project will close on 20 December 2019.