

FIREFIGHTING — TRUCKS AND APPLIANCES — TENDERING CONTRACTS

935. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I have a supplementary question. We are three years down the track, so can the minister assure those servicing our firefighting sector that future opportunities will be sourced from our state so that others do not suffer the fate of businesses in my electorate that have been forced to make redundancies or, worse, to close as a result of contracts going east?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

When I became the Minister for Emergency Services, the development of tenders for two of those contracts was still on foot, and they were two years' old then and had not been resolved. We have been working to resolve them as quickly as we possibly can with the proviso that we would like to see all vehicles manufactured in Western Australia. Bearing in mind all the obligations that we are under, we would like all those vehicles to be manufactured in Western Australia. I assure the member that as soon as those contracts are announced, he will know exactly who has got them.