

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — HEAVY FIREFIGHTING UNITS AND LIGHT TANKERS

6395. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services:

- (1) As at 1 September 2020, how many light tankers, owned by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, are operational throughout Western Australia?
- (2) How many light tankers are expected to reach their 'effective use-by date' by the end of 2020–21:
  - (a) Of these, how many are expected to be in reasonable condition to be auctioned to the public?
- (3) How many new light tankers are expected to be bought in 2020–21 and 2021–22?
- (4) On average, how many years does a light tanker remain in use before being disposed of?
- (5) On average, over the life expectancy of a light tanker, how much will be spent on its maintenance?

**Mr F.M. Logan replied:**

- (1) 232 DFES owned Light Tankers.
- (2) DFES uses standard replacement periods as a guideline to assess future operational service capability; to optimise the whole of life value of the fleet where the fleet is fit-for purpose and remains operationally safe. 116 Light Tankers are due for replacement. The Light Tankers will either be disposed of or utilised in the High Season fleet to support high threat periods.
  - (a) All are expected to be in reasonable condition for disposal or use in the High Season fleet.
- (3) FY2020/21 – 52; FY2021/22 – 52.
- (4) 17 Years (average). Any asset that is no longer fit-for-purpose, irrespective of age is replaced.
- (5) \$137,375 (average over 17 years).