

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — GPS SYSTEM INSTALLATION

3049. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the roll out of GPS systems in fire appliances as part of the suite of crew protections and ask:

- (a) have tenders been sought for this component:
  - (i) if so, has the tender been awarded; and
  - (ii) if not, why not; and
- (b) when is it anticipated that the installation of GPS fleet wide will be completed allowing location of the vehicle, duress alarms and the timely provision of up to date information to crews?

**Mr J.M. Francis replied:**

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises:

- (a) No
  - (i) Not applicable
  - (ii) The functional specifications for the Automated Vehicle Locating system (AVL) include compatibility requirements for a locating system to enable a fully integrated, effective and reliable vehicle tracking system in a bush firefighting environment.  
  
The complexity of the system has necessitated the separation of the AVL from other Crew protection systems. Functional specifications, expected to be completed by the end of 2014, will be tendered and procured separately and then integrated with other crew protection components.
- (b) The Comprehensive Crew protection implementation is part of a four year program comprising several separate contracts for implementing crew protection systems. The AVL program rollout is anticipated to be completed by October 2017.