

FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — RELOCATION OF FIRE APPLIANCE

3046. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:

Can the Minister please advise:

- (a) what the rationale was for moving a fire appliance from the Joondalup station and redeploying it to the Butler station;
- (b) in making the decision what risk assessment was made; and
- (c) will this mean any relocation of personnel?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

It should be noted that any decisions such as these are operational and are a matter for the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner however the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is able to advise the following:

- (a) The fire appliance will be moved based on changes to risk and to enhance response to areas adjacent to the urban expansion in the northern corridor of the metropolitan area.
- (b) A risk assessment took into account a range of factors which included:
 - Locations of all incidents the Joondalup 2.4 Urban Tanker (UT) had responded to the previous 24 months;
 - An analysis of bushland in the immediate response area of Joondalup 2.4UT and the risk level of that bushland;
 - The expansion of reticulated, mains water supplies in the current local response area;
 - The location of neighbouring bulk water tankers and the response times of those tankers;
 - Identification of ‘at risk’ properties in the rural urban interface in the North Western Suburbs; and
 - The prediction of future bushfire incidents in the area.
- (c) Yes. There will be a requirement for eight full-time positions to be relocated to Butler Fire Station; however all may not be from the Joondalup Station.