

BASSENDEAN VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE — DEREGISTRATION

**459. Mr D.J. KELLY to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I ask a supplementary question. The minister wants us to believe that he respects the contribution that these volunteers have made. So why is he asking them to relocate from a fire station to a demountable classroom with a sea container for their equipment?

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS replied:**

Member for Bassendean, the people of Bassendean are being well serviced. The member's electorate is about to be serviced by a brand-new, state-of-the-art facility out at Kiara, just down the road from the current station.

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the second time. Carry on, minister.

**Mr J.M. FRANCIS:** What they have at the moment is one station that houses the career guys and the volunteer guys. It is past its use-by date. The member for Bassendean will get the best and most modern fire station in Western Australia, just down the road, to service his electorate, backed up, when needed, by another career brigade. If the member for Bassendean wants to stand here and say he does not think that is the right way to go, that is fine; that is his choice. But I think the people of his electorate deserve to get the first-class service that they are paying for.