

BUSH FIRE BRIGADES — APPLIANCES

785. Hon DARREN WEST to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I mention that I am a former student at the University of Minnesota, and spent a wonderful year at that institution.

- (1) How many so-called “fast attack” vehicles for bush fire brigades have been replaced with medium rigid vehicles in the last 12 months?
- (2) How many more are due to be replaced in the next 12 months?
- (3) What is the reason for replacement?
- (4) Will the Department of Fire and Emergency Services meet the costs associated with volunteers having to obtain a B class licence to drive these replacement vehicles; and, if not, why not?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I answer on behalf of the Attorney General. I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Two.
- (2) One.
- (3) Increased capability and capacity, identified through the local government grants scheme and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services’ resource to risk assessment process.
- (4) Yes.