

MARINE RESCUE PORT HEDLAND

230. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to media reports that the Port Hedland Volunteer Marine Rescue base was not able to secure funding from the commonwealth's Building Better Regions fund and is facing closure if a new facility is not constructed.

- (1) What funding commitment has the state government made towards this project?
- (2) Why has the Department of Fire and Emergency Services chosen not to endorse the \$2.7 million facility that the Port Hedland Marine Rescue has requested?
- (3) Has the state government advocated to the commonwealth for any funding for this project; and, if so, please provide details?
- (4) What work has DFES undertaken to properly cost the project and identify a fit-for-purpose, fully functional facility design?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Volunteer Marine Rescue Capital Grants Committee allocated \$357 000 in the 2022–23 financial year and is planning a further \$357 000 for the financial year 2023–24 towards a new building for Marine Rescue Port Hedland.
- (2) Current costings indicate that a suitable fit-for-purpose building could be constructed for much less than \$2.7 million.
- (3) DFES supported MRPH applications to the commonwealth government's Building Better Regions fund.
- (4) DFES and the Volunteer Marine Rescue Western Australia continue to meet and collaborate with the MRPH committee regarding their building for a new building.