

EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY — VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE

4575. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the allocation of funding from the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) to Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) and I ask:

- (a) Is this funding allocated on a case by case basis;
- (b) does the commitment to now fund VMR from the ESL preclude other traditional sources of funding such as Lotterywest; and
- (c) will the commitment to fund cover both equipment and training?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

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

- (a) Funding is allocated to each group based on their individual operational requirements, in accordance with the DFES Volunteer Marine Rescue Services manual for capital and operational grant.
- (b) VMR groups remain able to source external funding from traditional sources.
- (c) VMR funding is used to cover the costs of all operational equipment purchases and some recurrent training such as first aid.