

EMERGENCY SERVICES — LIGHT TANKERS

1476. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the light tankers supplied to volunteer bush fire brigades, and I ask:

- (a) how much of the light tankers are custom made or altered after manufacture;
- (b) what is the cost per vehicle of the custom changes and alterations;
- (c) how much of the light tankers are plastic and how does this affect their function and fire resistance;
- (d) are the light tankers currently supplied with a horizontal input pipe to their fuel tanks;
- (e) if yes to (d), are units putting the tankers on ramps or blocks in order to completely fill the tanks;
- (f) are the tankers fitted with on board refrigerators and, if so, why; and
- (g) what is the cost difference between the Landcruiser light tankers and the Iveco 1.4 tankers?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

- (a) The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) Light Tankers are built on Toyota Landcruiser cab chassis. Some alterations are made to the cab, and the rear bodywork is custom-built.
- (b) Approximately \$173,000 (GST inc).
- (c) A small number of parts of the supplied cab are plastic. These are either replaced with metal parts or coated with fire-retardant paint to make them fire-resistant.
- (d) No.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Yes. To chill water for operator rehydration and cooling.
- (g) The DFES Light Tanker costs approximately \$115,000 less than the Iveco 1.4 Tanker.