

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

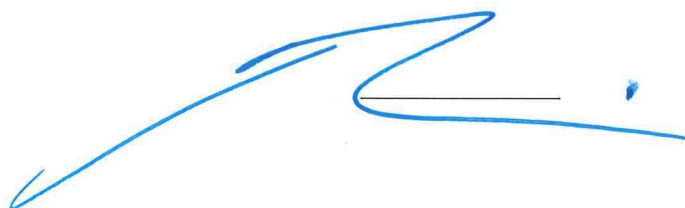
5. I refer to media statement published on 10 December 2020, entitled 'Advanced operational communications for WA's emergency services' and I ask:
- (a) What is the expected cost of stage one;
 - (b) What is the expected total project cost;
 - (c) Have tenders been let as indicated in the statement;
 - (d) Will the project provide emergency radio services and support to St John Ambulance and if not why not;
 - (e) When is stage one of the project expected to be complete;
 - (f) Please provide the location of each WAERN radio repeater site in Western Australia; and
 - (g) What is the designed and actual redundancy for each site should power be lost?

Answer:

The Western Australian Police Force advise:

- (a) The State Government is investing more than \$60 million for stage one to build a State-wide shared emergency services communications network. Given a procurement process is underway, an expected cost is unable to be provided.
- (b) The total program cost will be dependent on future policy decisions.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) The first stage involves the WA Police Force, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the Department of Justice. The inclusion of other agencies would be subject to future policy decisions.
- (e) The first stage is anticipated to be completed over three years.
- (f-g) The Minister for Emergency Service has provided a response.

Minister's initials

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