

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

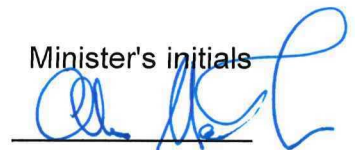
Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

3. I refer to the \$17.8 million cost across the forward estimates to employ an additional 36 career firefighters in regional Western Australia and I ask:
- (a) How many firefighters will be allocated to Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Geraldton and Albany stations;
 - (b) Why was Mandurah excluded from the funding commitment;
 - (c) What is the funding source of the commitment;
 - (d) How does this relate to the \$13.8 million allocated from Royalties for Regions on page 216 of Budget Paper 3; and
 - (e) When will the deployment of the 36 firefighters be complete at each location?

Answer:

- (d) The \$13.8 million funded by the Royalties for Regions fund relates directly to the employment of country firefighters.

Minister's initials

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