

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Hon Nick Goiran asked:

Hon NICK GOIRAN: Minister, if I can ask you to turn to page 460 in the budget papers. You will see there under “Spending Changes” and “New Initiatives” that the second one listed is “Consolidated Emergency Services Acts”, with \$370 000 estimated to be spent this financial year on that. Is that some form of reference to law reform with the consolidating of statutes?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON: Yes, honourable member, you are correct; it is. There are essentially three acts that govern this sector at the moment. The intention is, and has been for a long time, to combine those into a modern piece of legislation.

Hon NICK GOIRAN: It has been intended to do that for some time, you say, but, nevertheless, it has only just found its way into the budget papers as a spending change. That said, are you in a position—potentially, I suspect, this might need to be taken on notice—or willing to table the most recent briefing note that you have received in respect to that new initiative?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON: No. I do not think I can, member. I happy to get you a briefing on it. The briefing notes I have got in relation to it, I do not think I can because of cabinet-in-confidence.

Hon NICK GOIRAN: Can I ask you then just to take it on notice and if it can be provided, obviously that is, shall I daresay, and use the words, “gold standard”. If it cannot be provided, maybe the answer will come back to say a verbal briefing can be provided to the member.

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON: I am happy to do that. I certainly am happy to brief you, honourable member.

[*Supplementary Information No D1.*]

Answer:

Drafting of the Consolidated Emergency Services Act is currently underway and therefore is Cabinet in Confidence.

I am happy to arrange to arrange a briefing for the Hon Member and the Shadow Minister for Emergency Services, if required.

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Hon Martin Aldridge asked:

Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE: You said that there are some initiatives that are identifiable that were CF funded that are now ESL funded in the coming financial year. Are you in a position to advise what they are?

Ms CAMARDA: I would have to take that on notice.

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON: We do not have it today. We will look into providing it. Just if it is a great deal of work, we might have to reconsider, but we will certainly endeavour to provide it.

[*Supplementary Information No D2.*]

Answer:

References made by Ms Camarda to "*initiatives that are funded now by the ESL which were previously funded by the consolidated account*" were in reference to budget decisions made in the past and were not in reference to the coming financial year. There are no specifically identifiable initiatives that were CF funded and that will become ESL funded in the coming financial year.

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