



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mr Andrew Braddock MLA on 23 November 2023 Richard Glenn took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR MILLIGAN: While we have got a couple of minutes left I guess it will be good to know exactly where the Molonglo Fire Station is at?

Mr Glenn: Sorry, Mr Milligan. I was just finding my notes. So the Molonglo station, you will recall the '23-24 budget allocated \$65.9 million in funding for that. In March of this year, the 30 per cent preliminary sketch plan and documentation was finalised. We expect the development application is being submitted in November of this year and we would have further consultation with the services on the 80 per cent preliminary sketch plan. By December of this year, we would expect the 100 per cent plan to be finalised and in January after the break the RFT for the construction contract to be released to the market and we would anticipate that to be awarded in April of next year.

MR MILLIGAN: Audited did you say?

Mr Glenn: Awarded.

MR MILLIGAN: Awarded.

Mr Glenn: Yes.

MR MILLIGAN: And is there an expected timeframe for construction and completion and how many people will it house?

Mr Glenn: There is. I am sorry; I do not have the construction timeline with me. If I can find that, I will bring that back on notice. In terms of the number of appliances and staff to be housed.

Mr Gentleman: Great. Thank you, Matthew.

Mr Shonk: Yes, certainly. For Fire and Rescue we will be housing an urban pumper there and there will also be a facility there for one of our—for an urban fire zone interface zone appliance that will be cross crewed for the majority of the time, but in high fire danger times, a dedicated crew.

MR MILLIGAN: And will that facility have training opportunity options at the Molonglo—

Mr Gentleman: Our main training facility is at Hume.

MR MILLIGAN: Yes. Will this include any form of training facility as well, potentially?

Mr Phillips: I will take that question on notice, Mr Milligan, and for the staffing and operational capability on the ambulance side. Unfortunately, my chief officer could not come today, so we can get you some details about the ambulance side as well for Molonglo.

MR MILLIGAN: Okay, excellent.

Minister Gentleman: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

Like all stations, staff will be able to train onsite at the new Molonglo Station, however, the current plans for the facility do not include a dedicated training area. The facility at Hume remains the established and dedicated training facility for ACT Emergency Services Agency personnel.

The new Molonglo Station will accommodate the following key staffing and operational requirements for the ACT Ambulance Service:

- During the daytime, up to 12 employees per shift including two (2) Duty Officers.
- Overnight, up to 10 employees per shift including two (2) Duty Officers.
- Capacity for up to eight (8) ambulances.
- Capacity for up to four (4) Specialised Capability and Alternative Service vehicles.

The new Molonglo Station will accommodate the following key staffing and operational requirements for ACT Fire & Rescue:

- Up to 10 employees per shift and up to two (2) Commanders.
- Capacity for up to three (3) urban fire fighting vehicles, including standard pumper and compressed air and foam capabilities.
- Surge capacity including additional yard space and car parking for additional appliances (i.e., bushfire tankers) and crews for extreme bushfire events and natural disasters.

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By the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mick Gentleman MLA