



## Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

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

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Asked by Ms Castley MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 23 November 2023, Annual Report of Justice and Community Safety Directorate

In relation to: Rural fire services

In Gungahlin there is a temporary solution for RFS.

If this temporary solution is in the carpark;

- (1) where are the RFS volunteers expected to park?
- (2) where are they able to shower and clean up after attending fires and various training activities?
- (3) has this been an acceptable solution for other RFS stations?

**MICK GENTLEMAN:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- (1) Parking spaces are available on-site for all occupants of the Joint Emergency Services (JESC) in Gungahlin. Free public parking adjacent to the JESC is also available, should overflow occur.
- (2) ACT Rural Fire Service volunteers are still able to access shower and clean-up areas within the JESC facility after attending fires and various training.

- (3) As stated by the Interim Commissioner at the Annual Report Hearing on 23 November 2023, it is not uncommon for the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) to utilise demountable units as a temporary accommodation solution when required. The example provided at the Hearing was the demountable in place at the ESA Training Centre in Hume for ACT Fire & Rescue recruit firefighters.

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