



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Mr Jeremy Hanson MLA (Chair), Dr Marisa Paterson MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Ms Jo Clay MLA

**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Ref: Environment, Budget paper D, page number 33, output class 2.1

In relation to: Line item “Well-prepared emergency services – Remediating hazardous materials around the former West Belconnen ACT Fire & Rescue Station” on page 33.

1. Can the Minister provide a more detailed description of what this line item entails?
2. Can the Minister provide an itemised list of what this line item will be used for and at what cost for each item?

Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:–

1. The Environment Protection Agency (EPA) issued an assessment order to ESA to investigate PFAS soil and water contamination sourced from the former West Belconnen ACT Fire & Rescue Station (ACTFR).

This funding will enable the Territory to respond to the EPA order at the affected adjacent sites of the former West Belconnen ACT Fire and Rescue Station, including:

- St Thomas Aquinas Primary School, located at 25 Lhotsky Street, Charnwood (Catholic Education)
  - Ginninderra Christian Church, located at 200 Florey Drive, Charnwood (Ginninderra Church)
  - Public road reserves along Lhotsky Street and Florey Drive, Charnwood (Transport Canberra & City Services - TCCS)
2. The total funding of \$916,000 over 2 financial years is allocated for the following items:
    - \$480,000 to implement offsite remediation and/or long-term remediation plan at adjacent sites of the former West Belconnen ACT Fire and Rescue
    - \$56,000 for preparation of site audit statement and auditing of remediation works across those adjacent sites.
    - \$40,000 for any additional works required as a result EPA audit requirement
    - \$87,000 for community/stakeholder engagement
    - \$35,000 for ESA staffing cost
    - \$214,000 for project management costs including staffing and Major Projects Canberra cost
    - \$4,000 for insurance costs

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Signature:



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