



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: Emergency Services, Budget paper D, page number 33 output class 4.1

In relation to: Line item “Well Prepared Emergency Services – Vehicle replacement program” 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?
3. Are any of these replacement vehicles intended to for the use of the Court Transport Unit?
 - a. If so, which ones?

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

1. The Vehicle Replacement Program (VRP) ensures operational capability and community safety by enabling the replacement of ESA’s existing fleet of vehicles as they reach the end of their useful life.

In 2021-22 the VRP will commence transition to low carbon-emitting vehicles to address sustainability targets under the ACT Climate Change Strategy 2019-2025. This includes replacing 9 existing vehicles with low carbon-emitting options and establishing the necessary infrastructure associated with this new sustainable program.

2. Funding of \$12.780 million over four years from 2021-22 will be used:
 - As supplementary funding to cover the VRP program requirements over four years to 2024-25 (\$12.478 million). This includes
 - 37 Frontline and Critical vehicles
 - 14 Urgent vehicles utilised for operational support
 - This includes a sustainability premium cost of \$1.480 million, associated with 9 low/zero emissions vehicles over four years.
 - To fund 1 project manager at SOG C level in 2021-22 and 2022-23 (\$0.302 million)

In addition to the \$12.780 million, a capital provision of \$0.675 million is established to provide adequate funds for charging infrastructure at 7.5 identified sites and to facilitate the transition to a low emissions future.

Further \$1 million supplementary base capital funding is provided from 2025-26 bringing the base funding for the VRP to \$3m indexed ongoing.

3. No. This funding is allocated for ACT Emergency Services vehicles only.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature:

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Date: 11/11/2021

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