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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr Andrew Braddock MLA: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Ref: Budget Statement D, Table 23

Hearing Date: 18/07/2023

In relation to: ESA incident preparedness

In Budget Statement D, Table 27 describes a very high confidence in preparedness to activate and maintain an incident management team, for 4 consecutive shifts. Could you please identify the number of personnel available to perform the following incident management roles, broken down by emergency service organisation (RFS, F&R, SES, ESA, Parks):

- (1) Level 3 incident controller
- (2) Level 2 incident controller
- (3) Operations officer
- (4) Planning officer
- (5) Logistics officer

Also, how many people does the ESA plan to train in each of these roles each year, and how does this compare to the attrition of qualified employees and the periodic expiry of qualifications?

MICK GENTLEMAN MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The table below provides figures of personnel who hold an Incident Management Functional Role qualification is current as at 19 July 2023. While the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) tracks ACT Parks and Conservation Service (PCS) personnel qualifications for operational response requirements, the ESA does not hold PCS Incident Management Functional role qualification numbers.

	Level 3 Incident Control	Level 2 Incident Control	Level 3 Operations Officer	Level 2 Operations Officer	Level 2 Planning Officer	Level 2 Logistic Officer
ACT Emergency Services Agency	6	7	1	6	7	9
ACT Ambulance Service	3	6	Nil	2	3	1
ACT Fire & Rescue	8	78	1	75	6	1
ACT Rural Fire Service	5	11	1	9	4	2
ACT State Emergency Service	3	7	Nil	8	8	14
ACT Parks and Conservation Service	1	7	Nil	3	4	7

The ESA currently offers eight positions on the Multi-Service Incident Management training with NSW and this is shared across both ESA and PCS.

The ESA is offered eight positions on each of the three Incident Management Functional Role course suites, conducted at varying times in Coffs Harbour, Bathurst, and Canberra. This equates to a total of 24 positions available across functional roles of Level 2 Incident Controller, Operations Officer, Planning Officer, and Logistics Officer annually.

The Incident Management Functional Roles of Level 2 Incident Controller and Operations Officer are delivered within the career course for ACT Fire & Rescue personnel.

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Signature:



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