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Question Taken on Notice (Committee)

Asked by: Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Police and Emergency Services

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In relation to: AG Performance audit report 4/2023 and Decision to pursue hybrid electric emergency services and vehicles and timing

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MR PETERSSON: Wonderful. Thank you. Minister, **when did the government make a decision to pursue hybrid electric emergency services vehicles? Was it in advance of the trip to Germany, or was it at the trip to Germany when the government became aware of this technology?**

Mr Gentleman: No, it was in advance. We had been looking at the move to reduce emissions for ESA. We have about 300 vehicles in the ESA fleet. The government has made a policy direction in regard to reducing emissions and going to zero emissions across our vehicle fleets, and a zero emissions policy by 2045. It is a real challenge for us to do that work, and we are following up on government policy in regard to that decision. In regard to the timing, I might ask director officials to give you the dates for those. Do you have the timing?

Ms Barrett: I personally do not have the timing. I was not at Emergency Services during that period. Happy to take it on notice.

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

In April 2018, the ACT Government published *The ACT's Transition to Zero Emissions Vehicles Action Plan 2018-2021*. The ACT Government's *Zero Emissions Strategy 2022-30* also sets out actions such as transitioning vehicle fleets to zero emissions vehicles. This commitment has driven ESA's ongoing vehicle replacement program, which includes where possible the replacement of Fire and Rescue appliances with vehicles that reduce emissions.

The decision to pursue the Hybrid Electric Fire Truck was made after the ACT Government became aware of the technology on a trip to Germany in May 2019 where three (3) ESA staff travelled to

Rosenbauer in Germany to conduct pre-delivery inspection and testing of an aerial pumper and aerial appliance for ACT Fire & Rescue.

During this visit, staff were shown the first concept build of a Hybrid-Electric Fire Truck. The Concept Fire Truck was being developed by Rosenbauer in partnership with the Berlin Fire Department. At the time, Rosenbauer were the only company worldwide focusing on fire specific electric vehicles.

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