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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
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(Deputy Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Member)

Inquiry into Auditor - General's Performance Audit Reports January - June  
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Question Taken on Notice (Committee)

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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 Pre-construction meetings

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**MR PETERSSON:** What is the purpose of a pre-construction meeting?

**Mr Gentleman:** That is to help in the design of the vehicle, so we did it with the Rosenbauer one, and also with the Volvo trucks is where we have our fire crews on the design panel, if you like. They assist the manufacturer in their views on design of the particular vehicle. One of the benefits of the Rosenbauer manufacture is that they actually have firefighters in their design panel and on their production floor, so if the construction of the vehicle is going ahead and somebody with a learned knowledge can see a fault or see an improvement, they can make those changes as the vehicle is being constructed. Quite revolutionary.

**MR PETERSSON:** Is that like a one-day meeting, or they are there for a week or something?

**Mr Phillips:** We had a working group in regard to the design of the Rosenbauer and also the new fully electric BA van, but the number of meetings and how that operated on the ground level I will take on notice.

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

Pre-construction meetings are critical to ensure purchases meet all the contractual requirements and agreed specifications. Pre-construction meetings are common for major purchases such as fire appliances and are usually followed by pre-delivery inspection and acceptance testing. These meetings are used to identify any defects or faults through a robust, structured testing regime prior to delivery.

The Technical Workgroup for the Hybrid Electric Fire Truck were asked to consult with ACTF&R staff across all shifts and disciplines, to develop a Statement of Requirements (SOR) for the Hybrid Electric Fire Truck.

The Technical Workgroup met on at least 14 occasions between October 2019 and March 2023.

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Signature:



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