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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MICHAEL PETTERSON: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Ref: MPES, 120

Hearing Date: Tuesday, 18 July 2023

In relation to: ACT emergency services

- (1) How was the funding that was allocated for the well-prepared emergency services Gungahlin Joint Emergency Services Centre in 2022-23 used?
- (2) Noting that the Enterprise Agreements covering the ESA provide for flexible working arrangements, please provide the number of flexible working arrangements by agency (ESA, ACTFR, ACTRFS, ACTAS, ACTSES) for the year 2022-23, current in 2023-24, and projected for 2024-25. Please provide the data shown by agency, year and gender.
 - (a) What was the annual cost by agency of flexible working arrangements in 2022-23?
 - (b) Which budget item covered that cost?
- (3) What equipment was purchased with the funding in the 2021-22 budget rollover to boost equipment for the Emergency Services Agency?
 - (a) Which services use this equipment?
 - (b) What proportion of that funding is to be provided to each service?

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

- (1) This project is still in the delivery stage(s) with funding partially expended. The funding is broken up into three separate but linked projects:
 - a. Phase 1 – relocation of Gungahlin Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Service functions to Mitchell. Design is now complete with procurement underway.
 - b. Phase 2 – Increase of operational footprint for ACT Policing. Design is almost complete.
 - c. Phase 3 – Confirm a site for the relocation of ACT Fire & Rescue and ACT Ambulance Service in the Gungahlin district. The Justice and Community Safety Directorate is working with the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate and other directorates to confirm an Estate Development Plan. This process is currently underway.

(2)

Year	ESA	ACTAS	ACTF&R	ACTRFS	ACTSES
2022-23	23 14 females 9 males	45 25 females 20 males	17 2 females 15 males	17 7 females 10 males	3 3 females 0 males

2023-24 (current)	23 <i>14 females</i> <i>9 males</i>	59 <i>36 females</i> <i>23 males</i>	10 <i>1 female</i> <i>9 males</i>	17 <i>7 females</i> <i>10 males</i>	2 <i>1 female</i> <i>1 male</i>
2024-25 (projected)	Not yet known – arrangements are reviewed annually, taking into consideration operational feasibility.				

Note, this data fluctuates throughout the year. For example, the 2022-23 numbers for ACTAS are at a point in time in March 2023. The 2023-24 numbers for all areas are a point in time in July 2023.

In addition, the data may not cover all flexible working arrangements. For example, it may not include arrangements directly between supervisors and employees in relation to personal development opportunities, cultural immersion, caring responsibilities, accompanying partners, and other activities.

- (2)(a) and (b) The Justice and Community Safety Directorate, which includes the ACT Emergency Services Agency, does not hold information to this level of detail.
- (3) In the 2019-20 ACT Budget, the Government invested through the boosting equipment for the ACT Emergency Service Agency to purchase a new aerial firefighting appliance and a new pumper for ACT Fire & Rescue (ACTF&R). Both the aerial appliance and pumper are currently in operation within ACTF&R.

There was a rollover of \$82,000 from 2021-22 for the procurement of support equipment for the aerial appliance and pumper.

\$10,000 of this funding was used in 2022-23. The remaining \$72,000 identified in Table 28 of 2023-24 Budget Statement D is the rollover of the remaining balance of this initiative. These funds will be used in 2023-24 for the procurement of further support equipment for the aerial appliance and pumper.

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Signature:



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