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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Mr Andrew Braddock MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Fire and Emergency Services

Reference: Emergency Services Agency

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Answer Due date: 06/08/2024

In relation to: Justice and Community Safety Directorate and Operational status of the ACT aerial firefighting appliance

- 1) What is the current status of the ACT aerial firefighting appliance following the damage that occurred during routine testing in October 2023?
- 2) When is it anticipated to become operational again?
- 3) What interim arrangements are in place until it becomes operational?

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

- 1) The damage to the appliance has required a salvage process to remove the aerial super structure and which was returned to the factory in Italy for repairs. The vehicle is currently in the factory in Italy for these repairs to be completed.

The ESA intends to send officers to Italy later in the year to conduct Factory Acceptance Testing. This is critical to identify any defects or faults through a robust structured test regime before the vehicle is sent back to Australia. This also allows for compliance checks against the contract and agreed specifications so that any issues can be rectified prior to shipment.

- 2) This is difficult to predict as it is dependent on the repairs being completed, successful Factory Acceptance Testing, shipping back to Australia, and a commissioning process when the vehicle arrives back in Australia.

- 3) The back up aerial (Bronto) is currently in operations, with the cost of service and repairs being covered by Rosenbauer.

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Signature: 

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