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Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Mr James Milligan MLA: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA

[Ref: Emergency Services, Paper B – Budget Outlook p. 202, output class 4.1]

In relation to: **Vehicle replacement program (p. 33)**

1. On page 33 of Book D of the Budget papers, there is an expenditure listed of \$12,780 million for the vehicle replacement program, including 51 standard vehicles and 9 low-emissions vehicles (p.1). This is to be spent over 4 years.
 - a. Which of the Branch of ESA fleet is being replaced?
 - b. There is already an allocated cost to modernising the Ambulance service at an average annual cost of \$3.64 million – p. 27. How are these funds to be spend differently?
 - c. The Vehicle replacement program falls under New Works but is listed as ongoing. When is this significant capital injection likely to end?
 - d. When can Canberrans expect to see the fleet on the ground?

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

- 1a. There is no specific branch of vehicles that are being replaced. The replacement of vehicles relates to those vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life across the entire ESA fleet. This includes Ambulance, Fire and Rescue Pumps, Hazmat and CAFS Tankers.
- 1b. The Vehicle Replacement Program (VRP) is for replacing existing ESA vehicles and is not related to the modernising Ambulance Service budget initiative. Modernising the Ambulance Service budget initiative addresses implementing patient centred-care and improved demand management by introducing reforms to the current operational model.
- 1c. The \$12.780 million for the VRP is listed under New Works as it is supplementary funding to the already existing VRP. The ongoing program refers to the scheduled replacements of ageing vehicles in the ESA fleet that have reached the end of their useful life. This announcement also includes a further \$1 million supplementary base capital funding from 2025-26 bringing the base funding of the VRP to \$3m indexed ongoing.

- 1d. Vehicles are replaced in a timely manner and are on the ground once procured and operationalised each year as per the scheduled requirements to ensure ongoing community safety.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Signature:



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