



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MR JAMES MILLIGAN MLA: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Ref: Output class 4: Emergency Services. Budget Outlook. JACS book D

Hearing Date: 18/07/2023

In relation to: Electric Fire Trucks – auditor’s report No 4 of 2023

- (1) It was with interest I read the auditor’s report of the purchase of hybrid electric fire trucks.
- (a) Was a feasibility study conducted into the potential suppliers of alternative fuel source fire trucks?
 - (i) if so, was the feasibility study made public or are you able to make that study public?
 - (b) Did your government’s haste to be the ‘first state in Australia’ mean that your directorate took shortcuts in the procurement process for an electric fire appliance?
 - (c) Can you confirm that these trucks cost almost twice the price of a Diesel fire truck rather than the approximate \$1 million as indicated in the Briefing to the Economic Development Subcommittee of Cabinet?
 - (i) Will they in fact also be the same cost in maintenance or substantially more?
 - (ii) Will the new pumper meet the needs of the ESA as an urban pumper?
 - (iii) Has this assessment been made formally and by whom?
 - (d) During the Hearing it was indicated that there were additional costs associated with the purchase of the truck
 - (i) What was the full cost of the entire project?
 - (ii) Can you provide a complete breakdown of the total cost of the project?
 - (iii) Can you provide a breakdown of how that money was appropriated?

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

- (1)(a)(i) There was work conducted in the Directorate to identify suppliers who were capable of delivering plug-in hybrid electric fire appliances. Liaison also occurred with firefighters to determine the performance metrics of the future appliance. At the time this work was being undertaken, Rosenbauer were the only company worldwide focusing on fire specific electric vehicles.
- (1)(b) No.
- (1)(c) This information is provided in the Auditor-General’s Report.
- (1)(c)(i) This will be determined once the appliance becomes operational.
- (1)(c)(ii) Yes.

(1)(c)(iii) The ESA called upon the knowledge and expertise of the end users (firefighters) to design and test the final specification and layout for the hybrid electric fire truck. As a baseline, the firefighters were asked to apply a comprehensive statement of requirements and agreed layout consistent with the standard urban pumper.

(1)(d)(i-iii) The full cost of the entire project is broken down in the following table:

LINE ITEM	CREDIT	DEBIT	RUNNING TOTAL
Acton Station Budget Initiative	1,000,000		1,000,000
Repurposed savings from completed capital projects	397,000		1,397,000
Zero Emission Government (ZEG) Loan	524,000		1,921,000
Appliance Cost		1,510,354	410,646
Fit Out – Vehicle Inventory		260,083	150,563
Project Costs		24,153	126,410

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Signature:



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