



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 3

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2008-2009

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Emergency Services

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Answers to be lodged by: Friday 7 November 2008

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Questions relating to the portfolio of Emergency Services

14 OCTOBER 2008, 5.15 pm – 6.00 pm

Questions from Mr Mason-Cox

1. Has the Minister been in receipt of any representations from Royal Life Saving to be incorporated under the Department of Emergency Services budget, if so what is the Government's position on this?
2. In the 2008-9 Budget initiatives \$18 million in capital expenditure was provided for the ongoing program to acquire and replace Fire Fighting appliances.
 - a. How many fire appliances have been funded to date?
 - b. At which stations have these appliances already been delivered?
 - c. How many modern fire trucks could have been purchased was it not for the government's flawed oversight of capital works expenditure and allegations of misappropriation?
3. In light of increasing concerns in the Camden Haven area with respect to the threat of serious flooding resulting in possible loss of life and property.
 - a. How much has the Government spent in the Camden Haven area on Emergency Services Flood response and evacuation planning and procedures?
4. What is the estimated savings to the Government of closing from time to time 33 retained Fire Stations across NSW placing lives at risk and can the Minister guarantee that no lives will be lost as a result of time delays responding to fires?
5. How many of the budgeted 65 new fire fighters have been employed at each of the following stations:
 - a. Narellan,
 - b. Coffs Harbour,
 - c. Queanbeyan
 - d. Kincumber?
6. In the 2007-8 Budget \$34.5 million was allocated for bushfire tankers was all the allocation spent or did some of it rollover into the \$31.3 million allocated for bushfire tankers in the 2008-9 Budget?