

**Question on Notice No. 863, Thursday 19 August 2004**

**Mr ROWELL** asked the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Cummins) -

With reference to vehicle purchases for each of the last two financial years and for the year to date – what is the number of operational vehicles purchased or ordered that were subsequently found to have a fault or defect in their capabilities and what was the replacement or adjustment cost (list per vehicle).

**Mr CUMMINS:**

During the 2002/03 and 2003/04 financial years, the Queensland Fire & Rescue Service (QFRS) has built 173 fire appliances and support vehicles. During the 2002/03 and 2003/04 financial years, the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) purchased a total of 179 vehicles.

All vehicles are checked and tested, with any defects found, repaired by the manufacturer prior to handover.

The vehicles are further tested during the delivery and training period, where final adjustments are carried out. Should faults occur during the warranty periods, the manufacturer covers the costs of repairs.

In this period and with these vehicles, the Department of Emergency Services has experienced one instance of a fault impacting on operational capability. In accordance with warranty conditions, the vehicles were fixed at no cost to the DES.

As with all large vehicle fleets, some relatively minor warranty rectifications have been made at no cost to the DES.