

**Question on Notice
No. 1722
Asked on 10 November 2009**

MR MALONE asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS) -

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many of the 90 new vehicles promised for the State Emergency Service and the 14 new fire engines promised for the Rural Fire Service at the last State election have been delivered, and if they have not been delivered, when will they be delivered?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government is committed to supporting the selfless and dedicated volunteers from the State Emergency Services (SES), the Rural Fire Service (RFS) who assist Queensland communities in times of need.

The Queensland Government's 2020 Vision: Toward Q2 Tomorrow's Queensland will ensure the recruitment and retention of volunteers will remain a key focus, strengthening the state's disaster management arrangements.

As part of this initiative, the Queensland Government has recently undertaken, through the 2009 Election Commitment "Support Our Heroes," to provide 93 new vehicles for those SES Groups currently without a vehicle, and 14 new specialised appliances for rural fire brigades over 4 years.

During the 2009-2010 financial year a total of \$1.22 million has been provided to the SES, allowing the purchase of 20 new motor vehicles. Four of these vehicles have been delivered to date. Earlier this month, two Canter Trucks were delivered to the Burdekin Shire Council for use by the Clare and Rita Island SES Groups.

A further two dual cab utilities have been purchased for the Glastonbury SES Group (Gympie Regional Council) and the Tiaro SES Group (Fraser Coast Regional Council). Orders have been placed for the remaining 16 vehicles, with delivery expected from Toyota in February 2010 and Ford in March 2010.

A further 20 vehicles per year (60 in total) are scheduled for purchase over the next three financial years (2010-2011, 2011-2012 & 2012-2013). The final 13 vehicles will be purchased during 2013-2014, which will deliver a total of 93 vehicles.

The delivery schedule for the 14 new specialised appliances for rural fire brigades is outlined in the Department of Community Safety Implementation Plan, which will deliver six appliances in the 2009-2010 financial year, four appliances in 2011-2012 and four in 2012-2013.

The six specialised appliances in this year's allocation have been delivered to Brisbane Isuzu and are undergoing modifications prior to the commencement of the body building process.

These additional vehicles continue to enhance the capacity of our emergency service volunteer personnel to serve the communities of Queensland.