

Question on Notice
No. 1753
Asked on 11 November 2009

MS BATES asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS) —

With reference to the interim findings of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission and the decision by the Queensland Government to install fire curtains in new rural fire brigade vehicles —

- (1) When will the fire curtains be installed in existing rural fire brigade vehicles?
- (2) What is the timeframe for this installation and when is it due to be completed?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government has committed \$4.8 million over four years to improve the safety for rural firefighter volunteers through the purchase of fire-reflective curtains and the replacement of petrol driven pumps with diesel-driven pumps in 965 rural fire appliances.

The Department of Community Safety will install fire curtains in existing fire brigade vehicles in four stages. Stage 1 of the installation process will be undertaken between January 2010 and June 2010. Stage 2 will be undertaken between July 2010 and June 2011. Stage 3 will be undertaken between July 2011 and June 2012 and Stage 4 will be undertaken between July 2012 and June 2013. In Stage 1 of the installation process, fire curtains will be installed in appliances less than three years old. Stage 2 will cover appliances up to eight years old. Stage 3 will cover appliances up to twelve years old and Stage four will include the remainder.