

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 8**  
**Asked on 12 February 2019**

**MR S ANDREW** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON C CRAWFORD)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the December bush-fires when a number of brand new Rural Fire Appliances appeared at various fire grounds and disappeared at the conclusion of the emergency—

Will the Minister advise when these new appliances will be received by their respective Rural Fire Service units?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

I have been advised by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) that 19 Rural Fire Service (RFS) appliances were commissioned ahead of schedule and deployed to firegrounds around the state for the 2018 bushfire season.

Staff from Isuzu Brisbane worked overtime to bring forward the delivery of these appliances so that they could be used by volunteers and staff during the heightened fire activity.

I understand that 18 of these appliances were returned to Isuzu following the bushfire event to be cleaned, serviced, re-equipped, and re-inspected ahead of delivery to the relevant Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) with the remaining appliance allocated to a brigade in Central Region.

I have been further advised that all but one appliance have been delivered to the relevant RFS Area Offices for delivery to RFBs. Transport of the final appliance is in process and it is anticipated that it will be delivered by the end of March.

In addition, the Accelerated Rural Fire Fleet Program will see the replacement of 119 RFS vehicles across Queensland during the 2018-19 financial year.