

Question on Notice
No. 1026
Asked on 13 October 2022

MS A LEAHY ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to new Queensland Police Service aircraft that has been purchased by the government—

Will the Minister advise (a) the expected delivery date to the government, (b) the cost of each aircraft in Australian Dollars (reported separately by aircraft) and (c) the number of pilots the government currently employs and intends to employ?

ANSWER:

The fixed-wing fleet renewal program updates the current ageing fleet, reduces aircraft type and meets increasing Queensland Police Service (QPS) aviation demand, particularly in preparation for the 2032 Olympic Games.

I am advised by the QPS that the delivery of replacement aircraft will commence in 2023.

The QPS advise that the individual purchase prices cannot be provided at this time, due to commercial in confidence arrangements. However, in the interests of transparency and accountability, the QPS also advise that the total purchase price of US\$101 million or AUD\$136 million (inclusive of operational fit-out costs of specialist equipment) achieves a significant price discount for taxpayers.

I am advised by the QPS that the replacement fleet will, over time, support an increase in the operational capability, use, availability and readiness of the fleet and accordingly the QPS is currently planning for an increase, over time, of the number of pilots employed by the QPS, in addition to the current 16 positions allocated.