

**Question on Notice
No. 1384
Asked on 29 November 2022**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise when the Rural Heavy Attack Fire Truck will be provided to the Thargomindah community?

ANSWER:

In 2022-23, the Rural Fire Service (RFS) budget is a record \$72.40 million, including a \$10 million budget boost, delivered by the Palaszczuk Government.

This represents a 23% increase on 2021-22 and a 95% increase on the 2014-15 financial year, when the RFS budget totalled only \$37 million.

Additionally, I recently announced a \$400 million commitment that will mean more resources, more personnel, improved equipment for crews and, importantly, better services for Queensland.

It will see the establishment of a dedicated fire department, with a clear focus on fire prevention, response and control, amongst a suite of emergency management uplifts.

This fire department will see the RFS established as a separate entity with its own dedicated budget.

Regarding the acquisition of appliances, I am advised that Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) has implemented a new multi-year approach to procurement, enabling QFES to better plan for future needs and providing for the procurement of approximately 120 RFS appliances, subject to supply chain availability.

In relation to the delivery to specific locations, I am advised by QFES that an evaluation has commenced on the risk and capability of each Rural Fire Brigade who have requested a Heavy appliance. Once this evaluation is completed, individual Brigades will be advised by QFES.