

Question on Notice
No. 886
Asked on 30 August 2022

MR M BOOTHMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)

QUESTION:

With reference to a letter dated 4 July 2022 outlining allegations of improper conduct by QFES staff sent to the office of the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services under the signatory of 'Whistle-blower'—

Will the Minister advise (a) if the letter was received, (b) has the matter been referred for investigation and if so when, (c) has any person or persons been identified as a result and (d) if the allegations have been proven, has any action been taken?

ANSWER:

This government expects the highest standards from all officers, staff and volunteers of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES).

Any allegations of inappropriate conduct are taken seriously and referred to the appropriate body for investigation.

I can advise that my office received the anonymous correspondence by post on 11 July 2022 and on that same day referred the correspondence to QFES for consideration of appropriate action.

In addition, my office further referred the correspondence to the Crime and Corruption Commission for consideration of appropriate action on 14 July 2022.

I am advised by QFES that they have reviewed the anonymous correspondence and where appropriate the matters have been investigated, and appropriate action taken where required.

I am advised that, due to the writer wishing to remain anonymous, QFES' ability to make any further inquiries into the allegations made is limited. However should anyone have further information, or any other allegations, I encourage them to refer them to the appropriate body for investigation.