

Question on Notice

No. 1453

Asked on 15 November 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the planned withdrawal of analogue UHF and VHF two-way radio systems in use with Rural Fire Brigade (RFB) and State Emergency Service (SES) units in rural areas, and their replacement with the digital trucked Government Wireless Network (GWN)—

Will the Minister advise (a) the timetable for the adoption of GWN and the withdrawal of analogue UHF and VHF radio systems in my electorate of Southern Downs and (b) how the replacement GWN system will assure equal or better reliability of communications during operations by RFB and SES units in my electorate of Southern Downs?

ANSWER:

The management of the contractual arrangements relating to The Government Wireless Network (GWN) and any potential future services, falls under the portfolio responsibilities of Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services and the question should be directed as such.