

Kingston Volunteer Fire Brigade – New Firefighting Medium Urban Pumper

Mr WINTER question to MINISTER for POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

On behalf of a resident in Kingston, Minister, your media release from April this year proudly trumpeted that a new firefighting medium urban pumper was being provided to the Kingston Volunteer Fire Brigade. Can you confirm that, despite a 12-month delay, this \$600,000 asset has since been delivered with an air leak and missing mud flaps which mean the truck is non-compliant with Tasmanian roads? In addition, it was presented for duty with tyres fitted backwards and pink emergency lights. The 17 defects initially accepted by the TFS were so significant it was unsafe for the brigade to use and they are now fighting fires without a medium pumper, critical for urban areas like Kingston, and the TFS has refused to give their old truck back as it's now being used for training. Can you explain how a \$600,000 emergency vehicle passed quality assurance with 17 defects? What immediate steps are being taken to ensure Kingston Volunteer Brigade has a fully operational defect-free medium pump appliance today? How many other recently delivered TFD appliances are currently sidelined for operating without accepted defects?