

# WRITTEN QUESTIONS

## 7th Assembly

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2. BCF Fire Extinguishers in Department of Education Schools

Mr. BAILEY to MINISTER for EDUCATION and TRAINING

### QUESTION

1. Who has the contract to supply and maintain BCF fire extinguishers in Department of Education schools for the following financial years:
  - (a) 1989-90; and
  - (b) 1990-91.
2. What was the cost of this contract for those financial years.
3. Who was responsible for fire safety and what was the cost.
4. Who was responsible for fire safety in schools before July 1991.
5. Who is currently responsible for fire safety in schools.
6. How many BCF fire extinguishers have gone missing from Education facilities during the following financial years:
  - (a) 1989-90;
  - (b) 1990-91; and
  - (c) 1991-92.
7. How many BCF fire extinguishers have needed to be refilled as a result of either leakage of use during the following years:
  - (a) 1990-91; and
  - (b) 1991-92.
8. What funds were budgeted for the removal and /or replacement of BCF fire extinguishers during the 1991-92 financial year.

### ANSWER

Answered on 10/03/95

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1. 1989/90

Darwin Northern Fire Control  
Katherine Mac's Hire Service  
Gove Northern Fire Control  
Tennant Creek Fire Fighting Enterprises  
Alice Springs Fire Fighting Enterprises

1990/91

Darwin Northern Fire Control  
supply 1/7/90 - 16/10/90  
maintain 1/7/90 - 30/6/91

Fire Fighting Enterprises  
17/10/90 - 30/6/91  
supply only

Katherine Mac's Hire Service  
supply and maintain

Gove Northern Fire Control  
supply 1/7/90 - 16/10/90  
maintain 1/7/90 - 30/6/91

Fire Fighting Enterprises  
17/10/90 - 30/6/91  
supply only

Tennant Creek Fire Fighting Enterprises  
supply and maintain

Alice Springs Fire Fighting Enterprises  
supply and maintain

2. Darwin, Gove and Katherine contracts covered work on all types of portable fire equipment in all Northern Territory Government assets. Expenditure for schools alone cannot be readily extracted.

The Alice Springs and Tennant Creek contracts covered work on all types of fixed and portable fire equipment on all Northern Territory Government assets. Expenditure on portable fire extinguishers cannot be readily extracted.

3. The Department of Transport and Works was responsible for fire safety.

Darwin, Gove and Katherine contracts covered work on all types of portable fire equipment in all Northern Territory Government assets. Expenditure for schools alone cannot be

readily extracted.

The Alice Springs and Tennant Creek contracts covered work on all types of fixed and portable fire equipment including security for schools. Expenditure on portable fire extinguishers cannot be readily extracted.

4. The Department of Transport and Works was responsible for the maintenance and servicing of fire detection and fire fighting equipment, as well as for determining the extent and adequacy of fire safety protection in schools before July 1991.
5. Responsibility for the maintenance and servicing of fire detection and fire protection systems lies with the Department of Transport and Works.

Responsibility for determining the extent and adequacy of fire detection and protection systems in schools, lies with the Northern Territory Fire Services.

6. Contracts for portable fire equipment cover work on all Northern Territory Government assets. Figures for schools alone cannot be readily extracted.
7. Contracts for portable fire equipment cover work on all Northern Territory Government assets. Figures for schools alone cannot be readily extracted.
8. For all regions a total of \$152 000 was budgeted in 1991/92 for the removal and/or replacement of BCF fire extinguishers in NT Government schools. All were removed by mid-1992.