

# STATE BUDGET

## 2022-23

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### KEY COMMITMENTS DELIVERED FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

A significant investment into the state's emergency services will spearhead action on pre-election commitments in the Malinauskas Government's first State Budget.

At the forefront of firefighting investments, \$14.1 million over four years for 12 new MFS fire trucks and additional maintenance capacity will see capabilities boosted well into the future.

The 2022-23 State Budget also includes:

- Replace fire towers with new technologies to provide landscape level fire detection (\$2 million in 2022-23)
- Establish a new SES unit at Gawler providing faster response times and increasing SES volunteer numbers (\$2.3 million over four years)
- Reinstate the Regional Capability Community Fund (RCCF) grant program for landowners to purchase equipment for farm firefighting units (\$2 million over four years)
- Work with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, building on lessons from the Victorian trials, to investigate a night firefighting capability for South Australia (\$250,000 in 2022-23)
- Conduct an audit of ventilation in MFS stations with an emphasis on diesel particulate levels (\$250,000 in 2022-23)

The state's emergency services employees and volunteers are acknowledged in this State Budget, with key concerns and service requirements met and actioned promptly.

Emergency services are also quarantined from savings in the budget.

#### Quotes attributable to Stephen Mullighan

*The first State Budget by the Malinauskas Government honours commitments made to those in the emergency services sector.*

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*We made it our priority to action immediate change shortly after coming into office.*

*Providing new MFS trucks, a new SES unit at Gawler and funding for farm firefighting units are key actions we are taking to commit to those that work tirelessly to keep us safe.*

### **Quotes attributable to Joe Szakacs**

*Ensuring those who risk their lives to protect the community are heard and respected is crucial to an ongoing relationship with the thousands of emergency services employees and volunteers across South Australia.*

*After a time of uncertainty about the critical replacement of fire trucks, the Malinauskas Government is getting on with delivering trucks to fight fires.*

*I could not be prouder to be a part of this Government which is allocating funding to key areas within the emergency services sector for a better future for South Australia.*

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