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QFRS Review – Terms of Reference

It is estimated all senior fire officers within the QFRS are aware that the Minister for Emergency Services announced (in December 2007) that a review of the QFRS would occur. The review is to be conducted by the Director-General and Commissioner QFRS. On Friday 13 February 2008 the Commissioner issued a "Commissioner's Update" describing the Terms of Reference for the review.

Like everyone, the SOA is unsure of the impact this review may have on the current Senior Officer's Review, but is aware of the potential impacts. Accordingly, the SOA wrote to the Director-General and Commissioner on 18 February 2008 providing feedback on these Terms of Reference. The key points in the letter that was forwarded are provided below.

- ◆ Recognition that the review may impact on senior fire officers within the QFRS (i.e. urban, rural and scientific streams).
- ◆ Provided a detailed statement (with examples) showing that ALL senior fire officers provide front line service delivery, regardless of work location (Commands, regional offices, corporate office).
- ◆ Proposed that the outcomes of the Senior Officer's Review form a part of the whole-of-QFRS Review.
- ◆ Provided a list of the key operational functions performed by each stream of senior fire officers.
- ◆ Requested that the SOA is involved in, and consulted on, issues that may affect senior fire officers from any stream.

As outcomes on the QFRS Review occur the SOA Executive will keep members informed.



Ron James
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