

TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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New protective equipment, upgrades to emergency response

The emergency services will continue to be fully funded in 2017-18, with the ESL also providing for enhancements to the MFS and SES call response systems and additional protective clothing for firefighters.

New initiatives funded through the ESL include:

- \$3.1 million for MFS and SES to improve processes for calling 132 500 in an emergency and provide additional capacity for MFS Comcen, which also manages 000.
- \$1.3 million for monitoring of chemicals at firefighting training sites.
- \$1.5 million to deliver training to Volunteer Marine Rescue members and SES volunteers.
- Almost \$1 million for new protective clothing for the MFS.

Funding for our emergency services includes:

- SA Country Fire Service - \$87.5 million.
- SA Metropolitan Fire Service - \$137.6 million.
- SA State Emergency Service - \$20.1 million.
- Surf Life Saving SA Inc - \$5.2 million.
- Volunteer Marine Rescue SA - \$1.2 million.
- SA Police - \$22.3 million.
- SA Ambulance - \$1.4 million.
- Department of Environment, Water & Natural Resources - \$3.3 million.
- Shark Beach Patrol - \$0.4 million.
- State Rescue Helicopter - \$0.7 million.
- Government Radio Network education and communication - \$0.4 million.
- SA Fire & Emergency Services Commission - \$12.9 million.
- Collection and administration costs - \$8.2 million.

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

The emergency services protect our communities in times of need, and the State Government is committed to ensuring these tireless workers and volunteers have the funding, training and equipment they need to carry out this important role.

This year, the ESL will continue to deliver essential funding to our emergency services, and will deliver new protective clothing for the MFS and enhancements to the 132500 and 000 call response systems.

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