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Labor delivering one new fire truck each week

The delivery of a new fire truck to the Yeppoon Fire and Rescue Station last month continues the Palaszczuk Government's strong investment in emergency services.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the major boost of the new, \$800,000 fire truck is part of the Palaszczuk Government's fleet replacement strategy to ensure local firefighters are well-equipped to respond to emergencies.

"As the Yeppoon region continues to develop, it's important we equip our fire and rescue crews with the best tools they need," Ms Lauga said.

"Local firefighters respond to a wide range of situations throughout the year and this state-of-the-art appliance will assist our responders in both urban and rural incidents.

"This new vehicle will enable them to provide assistance during fire, flood and natural disasters while also supporting other emergency services."

She said the Rural Fire Service (RFS) budget was \$40.8 million, comprising \$8.2 million for capital works (that is, the construction of buildings and fleet purchases) and \$32.6 million for operating costs (or regular expenses, such as fuel).

"Despite LNP claims, it said that this financial year, there has been no decrease in the RFS budget.

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“The Palaszczuk Government has delivered more than 330 new appliances to Rural Fire Brigades.

“That’s the biggest investment in firefighting fleet in 20 years.

“That’s an average of around 60 new trucks every single year, compared with the LNP’s record of just 68 trucks for the entire three years they were in power.”

Ms Lauga said putting aside the \$13 million spent on trucks and capital works, the \$40.8 million in funding for Rural Fire Services is still 11 percent higher than the LNP’s last Budget.

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