

MEDIA RELEASE**30 June 2023****Procurement of a hybrid electric fire truck**

ACT Auditor-General, Mr Michael Harris, today presented a report on the **Procurement of a hybrid electric fire truck** to the Speaker for tabling in the ACT Legislative Assembly. The audit considered the effectiveness of the Emergency Services Agency's processes for the procurement of the vehicle.

The audit found that procurement was poorly conducted. The ESA did not adequately assess the value for money of the vehicle, prior to ordering it in January 2021.

The procurement of the hybrid electric fire truck was initially pursued throughout 2019 through a limited market approach (previously referred to as a single select process). This approach did not proceed because of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Territory's Budget processes. The procurement of the hybrid electric fire truck was subsequently pursued by incorporating it into a contract that derived from a public tender process for the supply of urban pumpers.

Mr Harris says 'the ESA did not assess the value for money of the hybrid fire truck in accordance with the requirements of section 22A of the *Government Procurement Act 2001*'.

The report makes one recommendation for the ESA to formally assess and confirm that the hybrid electric fire truck meets the needs of the ESA as an urban pumper in the Territory.

The summary of the **Procurement of a hybrid electric fire truck** audit, with audit conclusions, key findings and recommendations is attached to this media release.

Procurement of a hybrid electric fire truck is available to download from the ACT Audit Office's website www.audit.act.gov.au. If you need assistance accessing the report, please phone 6207 0833.