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Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry
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Dear Justice Holmes

SUBMISSION GOONDIWINDI REGIONAL COUNCIL
QUEENSLAND FLOOD COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

The following information is supplied in response to your letter of the 19th August 2011.

1. The Goondiwindi Regional Council SES unit now includes 5 groups (4 as at 30th June 2010 as the Talwood group commenced in March 2011). Goondiwindi and Inglewood include a Local Controller, Talwood and Texas are under the control of a Group Leader and Yelarbon has a Deputy Controller.

Member numbers are as detailed below;

Goondiwindi Group	25 / 2010	28 / 2011
Inglewood Group	24 / 2010	27 / 2011
Texas Group	08 / 2010	10 / 2011
Yelarbon Group	08 / 2010	09 / 2011
Talwood Group	00 / 2010	14 / 2011

2. Goondiwindi Regional Council supplies each unit as follows;

GOONDIWINDI:

ACCOMMODATION:

Building 1 – Air conditioned building housing the office, storeroom, training room, radio room and kitchen.

Building 2 – Shed with double roller doors for vehicle and equipment storage.

Building 3 – Separate male and female showers and toilets.

EQUIPMENT

Supplied by Council are, laptop computer and printer, broadband, mobile phone, portable marquees and toilets, communications (Bluetooth), Nissan Navara 4wd dual cab 2007, Ford F350 1978 model and traffic control equipment.

INGLEWOOD:

ACCOMMODATION:

Building 1 – Air conditioned building housing the office, training room, radio room, toilet and kitchen on the first level and vehicle accommodation, shower, toilet and equipment storage under.

Building 2 – A 4 bay shed is under construction.

EQUIPMENT;

Supplied by Council are, Toyota 4wd Dual Cab 2000 model, 4wd recovery kit, laptop computer including mobile broadband and printer, 046 chainsaw, traffic control equipment and mobile telephone.

TEXAS;

ACCOMMODATION;

Building 1 – Two bay shed housing vehicle accommodation, equipment storage, training room, radio room and kitchen.

Building 2 – Toilet.

EQUIPMENT;

Supplied by Council are 1982 Toyota Landcruiser 4wd Troop Carrier, traffic control equipment, laptop computer including mobile broadband and printer and mobile telephone.

YELARBON;

ACCOMMODATION;

Building 1 – Partly air-conditioned building housing training room, radio room, store, office and kitchen on the first level and vehicle storage, toilet and shower under.

Building 2 – Two bay shed for vehicles and equipment.

Building 3 – Small raised timber shed not in use.

EQUIPMENT;

Supplied by Council, 1992 Toyota Landcruiser Troop Carrier 4wd, traffic control equipment, laptop computer including printer and mobile broadband, mobile telephone.

TALWOOD; (Commenced Operations March 2011)

ACCOMMODATION;

The accommodation at Talwood is shared with Rural Fire Brigade and First Responders.

Building 1 – Houses vehicle and equipment storage

Building 2 – Houses office, training room, shower and toilet.

The accommodation/buildings are unchanged for both financial years 2009/2010 and 2010/2011. All buildings occupied by the 5 SES units are owned by Goondiwindi Regional Council.

3. Goondiwindi Regional Council does not have a position on its staff that includes SES duties. All SES positions are filled by volunteers.

4. Roles and tasks generally performed by all units in the Goondiwindi Regional Council area are;

- Fund raising;
- Traffic control including road closures and diversions;
- Storm damage including temporary roof repairs, tarping of damaged rooves, debris cleanup, chainsaw operations;
- Sandbagging;
- Land search;
- Flood boat operations;
- Other Emergency Services Agency support assisting Police, Fire and Rescue and Queensland Ambulance Service;
- Assist during an event with welfare, communications, emergency lighting, evacuation and resupply; and

- Assistance for removal of bogged vehicles in Forestry and other Reserves.

5. Goondiwindi Regional Council has provided the following funds for SES operations;

		30 TH JUNE 2010	30 TH JUNE 2011
GOONDIWINDI	Operations	14,590-65	15,549-44
	Supplies	1,425-41	
	Air Condition HQ		4,442-73
	Floor Covering HQ		2,010-00
INGLEWOOD	Operations	13,953-07	14,233-29
	Deposit New Shed		5,000-00
	Install Shower – HQ		2,272-73
	Security Light – HQ		300-00
	Concrete Repairs - HQ		500-00
	Painting – HQ		500-00
	Floor Covering – HQ		1,000-00
TEXAS	Operations	2,992-56	3,598-54
YELARBON	Operations	11,641-83	10,268-77
	Spotlights - Vehicle		317-78
	Crusher Dust – Path HQ		470-00
TALWOOD (Operations Commenced March 2011)	Operations	283-40	3,277-74
	TOTAL	\$44,886-92	\$63,741-02

If you have any further queries please contact Neil Kratzke at this office on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,

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DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER