



**Fire & Emergency Services
Authority of Western Australia**

Gymcare has been responsible for the provision of a servicing and maintenance program of FESA's physical training equipment since 2004. With the age of equipment at a number of our fire stations approaching 15 years, the regular servicing program (twice yearly for metropolitan fire stations and an annual program for country fire stations) has ensured that fire fighters have access to well maintained and fully functioning physical training equipment that meets Occupational Health and Safety standards. The program has also significantly reduced the rate of equipment breakdowns and failures which were becoming a regular occurrence prior to 2004 and has thus demonstrated a clear financial saving to the organisation.

During 2006/07 and 2007/08 FESA has upgraded equipment at 13 metropolitan fire stations and 3 country sites. These upgrades have been in line with a base standard of equipment provision and have more than adequately met the commercial grade quality needed by fire fighters while also satisfying the unique financial restrictions that are associated with the public sector. Gymcare have been responsible for not only supplying this equipment but also providing advice on the formation of the base standard, the identification of current equipment that requires replacement and the development of fire station gymnasium set-up at the time of equipment installation.

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