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CLEVELAND AMBULANCE STATION

Mr BRISKEY (Cleveland—ALP) (10.28 a.m.): Recently I had the great pleasure of welcoming the Minister for Emergency Services, the Honourable Merri Rose, to my electorate to officially open the new Cleveland Ambulance Station. I take this opportunity to thank the Minister also for her work in seeing the implementation of the free ambulance service for 850,000 pensioners, seniors and their dependants, which will benefit my electorate to a great extent because of its large population of elderly residents.

The recent opening of the new Cleveland Ambulance Station was a victory for the people of my electorate and for the Labor Government. The funding for this new station was allocated in the 1995 Labor Budget. I was extremely happy to see this new station opened. The new ambulance station is sure to make a difference with respect to the difficult job of ambulance officers by improving the standard of their work environment. This initiative improves their morale, which is consequently reflected in their standard of work. Therefore, the community as a whole benefits significantly from this new development.

I take this opportunity also to thank the LAC, which has worked tirelessly for its local community for decades. The Redlands community has also benefited from the recent appointment of two paramedics to the nearby Capalaba Ambulance Station. The large aged population in the Redlands means that a high number of strokes, cardiac and other chest complaints are received. Often in these circumstances every minute counts and the specialised skills of paramedics at the scene can mean the difference between life and death. In other circumstances, such as drug overdoses and allergic reactions, time is also a crucial factor in the effective treatment of patients. With the two paramedics on site at Capalaba, response times are now effectively reduced and on-site treatment and administration of drugs is more readily available to residents in the Cleveland community. The ambulance officers working with paramedics are also reporting——

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