



Speech by

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### **CHERMSIDE AMBULANCE STATION**

**Mr SULLIVAN** (Chermside—ALP) (12.06 a.m.): Last week I had the privilege of handing over the keys to a new emergency response vehicle to Teresa Powell, the officer in charge of the Chermside Ambulance Station, which is the busiest station in Queensland. The station received a state-of-the-art F250 ambulance with a distinctive blue bonnet and two-stretcher capacity. The vehicle is worth about \$145,000. This impressive new vehicle will help with emergency care delivered to Chermside residents and will be a significant improvement on the older vehicles.

The delivery of this vehicle is part of the ongoing program to upgrade emergency response vehicles across the State and is one of five ambulances to be commissioned in recent weeks in the greater Brisbane region alone. The new vehicle will complement a new four-wheel drive Honda HRV also stationed at Chermside for a trial period. The HRV has been used by paramedics in the central Brisbane area as a first response in emergency situations. I am pleased that this was part of the 83 vehicles which Emergency Services Minister Merri Rose has delivered to the Queensland Ambulance Service this year. These vehicles include emergency response vehicles, Landcruisers, troop carriers, single-berth Commodores, Transit vans and Toyota buses. A further 35 vehicles will be delivered to stations by the end of this financial year.

I was pleased to meet with many of the officers of the Queensland Ambulance Service at the station. All of those people are dedicated and well-trained officers. I thank the Minister for the contribution of the emergency vehicle to the local area.

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