



Speech by

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Mr PURCELL (Bulimba—ALP) (12.30 p.m.): I congratulate the Queensland branch of the Australian Building Construction Employees and Builders Labourers Federation (Queensland Branch) Union of Employees for their running of a touch football game on 20 May this month to raise funds to buy a mini mobile ambulance unit which will be used up and down the east coast of Australia or anywhere in Queensland at major events. It will be fully equipped and fitted out. They are looking to raise \$45,000. I am informed that there will be 80 teams, with about 800 people in total participating. I challenge everybody here in this parliament. We should be able to enter a team to play touch football. This is a chance to get into the employers and give them a flogging. Who would miss that? What a great day that will be! We can line up and get a bit of our own back on the paddock.

We estimate that there will be 2,000 or 3,000 people at the event on the day. I also thank a couple of the ministers, who will be putting out information for the wives and other participants. They are the Minister for Industrial Relations, Gordon Nuttall, and the Minister for Employment, Training and Youth, Matt Foley. I know that a lot of the information they need to get will be given to the wives so that they can deal with those matters.

I urge people to support this event. It will be a great day. I will be asking those who do not attend why they did not front up, particularly those in Brisbane. It is to be held at the Whites Hill playing fields.

Dr Watson: Are you sure this is not a contradiction in your role as Deputy Whip over there?

Mr PURCELL: None at all! I am sure that everybody here would want to support the Queensland Ambulance Service. Is the member saying that he would not want to support the Queensland Ambulance Service, that he would not want to see this mini ambulance bought so that it can be used at major events where it is difficult to get to people?

Time expired.
