



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

First-Aid Courses

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.44 am): The Minister for Emergency Services, Pat Purcell, today will highlight the importance of first-aid courses. More than 70,000 Queenslanders completed first-aid training last year to provide a vital lifeline in times of unexpected and life-threatening emergencies. I understand a number of those people have already put what they have learnt into practice, having saved the lives of their children, parents and most often the lives of complete strangers. Saving a life can be a personally rewarding community service, and I commend those in our community who have taken the initiative and learnt how to do it.

Today at Parliament House the Queensland Ambulance Service is launching its new suite of first-aid courses. As a government, we are committed to creating a safer, smarter Queensland, and the Ambulance Service plays a critical role in achieving that. These training courses have undergone a comprehensive review and feature the very latest in life-saving techniques and clinical applications. I therefore believe it is timely to encourage more Queenslanders to enrol in this training so they are best equipped to save lives in an emergency. First-aid training is an investment in the future.