



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Ryan**


**MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Fire and Emergency Services, Personnel**

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (10.07 am): Tomorrow a record 92 firefighter recruits will be on parade at the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services School of Fire and Emergency Services Training. These are good jobs that will deliver better services for Queenslanders to support our great lifestyle through a safer community. These 92 recruits are from six recruit courses and are at various stages of their training program. We have never seen this many recruits at the fire academy at one time. It marks a major milestone in the progress towards the government's election commitment to deliver 357 additional firefighters over five years.

As many of us already know, Queensland's firefighters are amongst the best in the world and they are professional in every respect. To maintain this capability Queensland Fire and Emergency Services regularly run training courses and skills workshops to keep staff across all disciplines of fire, rescue and emergency response at the top of their game. Constant and consistent training ensures staff are at the forefront, ensuring Queenslanders can maintain the lifestyle they enjoy in our beautiful state, can feel safe and can feel secure in the face of disaster and emergency. One particular skill is the internationally recognised disaster assistance response capability.

The Aus-1 disaster assistance response team is managed through our world-class Queensland Fire and Emergency Services and is made up of full-time and volunteer members including firefighters, communications operators, doctors, engineers, paramedics, hazmat specialists, mechanics and canine handlers. Currently there are 26 rescue technicians undertaking a four-week urban search-and-rescue course at the academy. On completion of the course there will be 383 Aus-1 disaster assistance response team members across all disciplines. In that four weeks, the participants will cover a variety of search-and-rescue techniques at the academy including training at the technical rescue training cell, where a large earthquake building collapse scenario has been established. These technicians hold specialist skills used every day to support Queensland communities and maintain our international capability as part of the Aus-1 DART capability. World-class training and good jobs supporting better services is further proof of how great the Queensland lifestyle is.