

Question on Notice No. 139, Thursday 22 April, 2004

Mrs MILLER asked the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Cummins) -

What is the progress with the construction of the new Redbank Ambulance Station within the electorate of Bundamba?

Mr CUMMINS:

I am pleased to advise the Member for Bundamba, Jo-Ann Miller MP, that the construction of the replacement Redbank Ambulance Station is well advanced. The building contractor has been appointed and it is anticipated that practical completion will be reached in June 2004.

The Beattie Labor Government has committed to building this new facility at an estimated cost of \$1,020,327 (excluding GST). This new facility will include a range of features:

- a four-bay vehicle garage for emergency vehicles with improved features that assist in rapid response to emergencies,
- an enlarged office for the Officer-in-Charge that includes capacity for the conduct of training and meetings of the Local Ambulance Committee, and
- rooms for paramedics to rest and study.

The Beattie Labor Government is committed to providing a world-class ambulance service to the people of Queensland and will be employing 240 paramedics over the next three years.