

**Question on Notice No. 186, Tuesday, 27 April 2004**

**Mr HAYWARD**, Member for Kallangur asked the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Cummins) –

Will he advise on the progress towards construction of the new ambulance station at Narangba in the Kallangur Electorate?

**MR CUMMINS:**

The Beattie Labor Government committed \$700,000 for the construction of a new Ambulance Station in Narangba. I wish to advise the Member for Kallangur, Mr Ken Hayward MP, that planning for the new ambulance station in Narangba has reached the schematic design stage. It is intended to include into the design some of the new disability access standards proposed by the Australian Building Code Board before taking the project to the next stage.

The department intends to invite offers for project management shortly. The successful Project Manager will confirm the project budget and procurement programme however, at this stage, Practical Completion by 30 June 2005 is anticipated.

The Beattie Government's election commitments also include the employment, over the next three years, of 240 new paramedics to ensure Queensland maintains its world-class ambulance service.