

Question on Notice No. 220 , Tuesday, 27 April 2004.

Mr Rowell asked the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Cummins) -

1. Will he provide the vehicle and equipment replacement program for the Hinchinbrook electorate?
2. Will he provide a timetable of when this will occur?
3. Are there proposals for improvements to premises and are there any new building programs envisaged?

Mr CUMMINS:

1. The Vehicle Replacement Program is reviewed annually to ensure that appliances are placed throughout the State in order of operational priority. The electorate of Hinchinbrook is located across two of the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service's (QFRS) operational Regions, which are Far Northern and Northern Regions. Fire appliances are replaced in order of priority according to Regional operational requirements.

Mission Beach received a new appliance fitted with road accident rescue and ancillary equipment in April 2004.

Two new replacement medium response appliances were delivered to the Bluewater and Bluewater Estate Rural Fire Brigades in May 2003.

2. The Hinchinbrook electorate is programmed to receive three new appliances during the 2004/05 Financial Year.
3. During the 2002/03 Financial Year, an additional engine bay and training room were added to the Cardwell Fire Station. The Mission Beach Fire Station will be upgraded during this Financial Year. Presently, the Ingham Fire Station is undergoing maintenance.