

Question on Notice No. 590, Thursday 20 May 2004

Ms STONE asked the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Cummins) – Will he advise on the progress towards completion of the replacement ambulance station at Springwood and the benefits this will provide to the electorate of Springwood?

Mr CUMMINS:

I thank the Member for her Question and would like to congratulate her on her ongoing strong support for Emergency Services within her electorate.

I am pleased to advise that the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) are currently working through site issues in relation to the redevelopment of the existing Springwood Ambulance Station at 4 Vanessa Boulevard, Springwood.

Project Services (QAS) has been engaged as Project Manager and Principal Design Consultant and schematic design has commenced. The station will continue to operate as a 24 hour facility, providing immediate response capability, including the delivery of efficient pre-hospital emergency care to the local communities in and around the community of Springwood.

The replacement Springwood Ambulance Station is designed to meet the current and projected demand for ambulance services in the Logan area. QAS intends to construct the replacement ambulance station as soon as practicable.

Over the next three years, the Beattie Government has committed \$35.9 million to employ 240 new paramedics, ensuring that the Department of Emergency Services maintains its world-class ambulance service, plus, \$28.6 million on new or refurbished ambulance stations and \$29.5 million on new or refurbished ambulance vehicles.