

Question on Notice No. 610, Thursday, 20 May, 2004

**Mr WELLS** asked the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Cummins)-

- (1) Does he have information relating to numbers of callouts from the Deception Bay Ambulance Station?
- (2) Are staffing levels adjusted to reflect callout rates?

**Mr CUMMINS:**

I am pleased to advise the Member for Murrumba, Dean Wells MP, that the Deception Bay Ambulance Station is located within the Brisbane Region of the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS).

In order to provide an efficient ambulance service to the community of Brisbane, Deception Bay ambulance resources may be deployed to cases, in and around the local and surrounding Brisbane Community.

The Deception Bay Ambulance Station has attended 5,674 acute ambulance cases to date (24 May 2004), for the 2003/04 financial year. The QAS Patient Transport Service, Brisbane Region, transport non-acute patients throughout the Brisbane Region during weekdays and provides non-acute support services to the community of Deception Bay.

The Deception Bay Ambulance Station has a staff establishment that is based on statistical analysis of its workload, unit hour utilisation rate (UHU), and operational experience. The Deception Bay Ambulance Station undergoes staffing level reviews as a matter of procedure, along with all stations of the Brisbane Region, QAS.

The Deception Bay Ambulance Station is supported by the surrounding Stations of the QAS Brisbane Region and also supports other areas in times of high demand for emergency services.

Over the next three years the Beattie Government has committed \$35.9 million to employ 240 new paramedics, this will help to ensure that the Department of Emergency Services maintains its world-class ambulance service.