

Question on Notice No. 783, Tuesday, 17 August 2004

Mr WELLINGTON asked the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Cummins) -
With reference to his answer to my question about the replacement of the
Nambour Fire Station and service delivery –

1. What priority has the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service placed on the replacement of the Nambour Fire Station?
2. When was the review of the Sunshine Coast fire stations' service delivery capacity commenced?
3. What is involved in the review?
4. When will the review be completed?

Mr CUMMINS

The Beattie Government has allocated more than \$300 million on fire and rescue services as part of a continued boost to emergency services across Queensland. A total of \$303.54 million has been allocated to provide fire and rescue services across the State. The latest funding increase means that since 1998, under the Beattie Labor Government, funding for fire services in Queensland has risen by about \$110 million – well ahead of the level of inflation. The Beattie Government is continuing to deliver improved fire services to Queensland communities with fire station upgrades, new emergency vehicles and enhanced fire prevention and safety programs. In March 2004 the QFRS initiated a formal review of South East Queensland which included fire service representatives, Executive Management and Regional Planners from North Coast Region, Brisbane Region and South Eastern Region to discuss South East Queensland in its entirety.

The review is a process involving the identification of a range forecasted service delivery requirements. Extensive research is underway to develop area profiles and documentation of those future service delivery enhancements. The implementation of those plans will be dependant upon the completion of the South East Queensland Service Delivery Plan. This in turn is contingent on future development and road planning in Nambour to ensure that the best possible services are available to residents of Nambour. I can also advise that the current fire station will received approximately \$40,000 for the supply and installation of the engine bay ventilation system and this will include upgrading of the electrical system.