

Question on Notice No. 907, Thursday 19 August 2004

Mr REEVES asked the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Chris Cummins)-
With reference to his recent visit to the Mt Gravatt Ambulance Station and Mt Gravatt Fire Station—

- (1) Will he inform the House of the vehicles he commissioned?
- (2) What was the cost of these vehicles and what purposes will they fulfil in our local community?

Mr CUMMINS:

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

I was pleased to visit the Mt Gravatt Ambulance Station on 6 July 2004 with the Member for Mansfield and the Police Minister the Hon. Judy Spence to commission a new (two stretcher) Ford Transit – Patient Transport Service ambulance vehicle to service the Brisbane Region. The cost of this vehicle was \$94,246 and this Patient Service ambulance vehicle will benefit the community of Brisbane by assisting in the transfer of non-acute patients, of which the Mt Gravatt Ambulance Station's workload consists of over 3,000 Patient Transport cases per year.

Two appliances were commissioned at the Mount Gravatt Fire Station:

- a new urban pumper and an urban rescue vehicle.

The pumper is a Mercedes Atego, Type 3 appliance, costing \$480,000. It has a large water-carrying capacity, as well as on-board foam tanks to allow rapid attack for bushfires and flammable liquid fires. The appliance carries the latest road accident rescue (RAR) equipment to enable enhanced motor vehicle accident (MVA) response. The new pump will service the Mount Gravatt, Mount Gravatt East, Upper Mount Gravatt, Nathan, Tarragindi, Rochedale, Holland Park, Holland Park West, Macgregor, Mackenzie, Mansfield, Wellers Hill and Wishart areas.

The urban rescue vehicle, a Ford F550 Urban Rescue Tender Medium is an excellent addition to the regional fleet. The Ford F550, costing \$370,000 is fitted out with approximately \$100,000 worth of the latest RAR equipment