

## Question on Notice

No. 941

Asked on 31 August 2004

**MR FOLEY** asked the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport (Mr MACKENROTH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to three Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) branches electricity accounts which I have in my possession and which have been granted Community Ambulance levy exemptions under the Religious Bodies and Other Institutions exemption and in the light of the marvellous, unselfish work that the QCWA do in our Queensland communities—

Will he exempt all QCWA branches from having to pay the levy on their electricity accounts?

ANSWER:

The *Community Ambulance Cover Act 2003* provides an exemption regarding electricity supply arrangements for religious bodies or certain other institutions where premises are used solely or almost solely for specified qualifying purposes.

Exemptions from the levy for not for profit organisations have been limited to churches and organisations that are directly providing assistance to members of our society who are most in need.

Crisis centres, shelters for the homeless, drug and rehabilitation units, foodbanks, soup kitchens, welfare counselling and orphanages are examples of the types of activities intended to benefit from the exemption.

To reduce administration costs and maximise the funding available to ambulance services, forms have been developed which enable an organisation to identify, by reference to examples, whether it falls into one of the exemption categories.

Where an applicant is unsure whether the exemption applies to their circumstances, they are to forward their application and supporting information to the Commissioner of State Revenue for consideration.

In the circumstances all applications for exemptions must be considered on their individual merits.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ANSWER REPLACES THE PREVIOUS ANSWER TO  
NO. 941 TABLED ON 30/9/04.