

**Question on Notice
No. 500
Asked on 20 April 2005**

MRS PRATT asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR CUMMINS) -

QUESTION:

With reference to ambulance personnel in the Nanango Electorate -

- (1) How many personnel of each level are allocated to each station to meet the full compliment of staffing (a) in the Nanango Electorate and (b) State wide?
- (2) How many are currently on sick, stress or holiday leave (a) in the Nanango Electorate and (b) state wide?
- (3) How many ambulance personnel currently carry a blue card?
- (4) Does the department plan to make it compulsory for all staff to hold a blue card?

ANSWER:

My Department does not measure approved and actual full-time positions but rather it measures its full-time equivalent (FTE) staffing levels with a mixture of permanent, temporary, casual and part-time employees. This measure is a standard, consistent measure of staffing across whole-of-government. The total number of operational FTEs by location at each ambulance station within the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) is attached. These figures do not include public servants who are employed by the QAS or operational staff at state headquarters.

I take pride in assuring you as the local member and the communities of Nanango, Yarraman and Kingaroy that they are well served and supported by the QAS.

The Electorate of Nanango incorporates the Nanango, Yarraman and Kingaroy Ambulance Stations. The QAS continuously monitor the work demands in the South Burnett to ensure that resources for those ambulance stations meet the community's needs and expectations.

My department ensures appropriate emergency services coverage to all Queenslanders at all times through temporary transfers of staff and roster arrangement, as well as assistance from the Royal Flying Doctor Service and community helicopter services. The figures provided are a report at a particular point in time. On any other point in time these positions may be filled by permanent or temporary staff or be allocated for the next student intake.

The current intake of student paramedics is the largest of its kind and is part of the State Government's commitment to increasing the number of paramedics, with a 2004 Election Commitment for an additional \$35.9 million.

I am pleased to advise that with the introduction of the Community Ambulance Cover, an additional paramedic position is to be allocated to the South Burnett.

The present sick leave entitlements for a paramedic is 80-hours sick leave per year and the current annual leave entitlement is six weeks and two days. There is no leave type within the Queensland Public Sector, which is titled "stress leave".

As at 29 April 2005, the QAS has identified that there are at least 29 personnel who already hold a blue card. Further, there have been 254 blue card applications processed by the QAS.

Additional blue card applications continue to be processed for identified staff.

The DES is committed to providing safe environments for the children and young people it delivers services and programs to. The DES welcomes the opportunity to ensure that staff and volunteers who work with children are suitable to do so and will ensure specific staff and volunteers have blue cards, as is required by legislation.

Location	FTE
Ayr	9
Blackriver	8
Bowen	9
Charters Towers	8
Cloncurry	2
Collinsville	3
Giru	1
Halifax	2
Home Hill	4
Hughenden	2
Ingham	8
Julia Creek	1
Karumba Station	1
Kirwan	11
Magnetic Island	2
Mornington Island	2
Mount Isa	18.1
Normanton	2
Palm Island	5
Townsville	89.95
Agnes Waters	2
Aramac	1
Baralaba	1
Barcaldine	1
Biloela	5
Blackall	5
Blackwater	6
Boyne Island	5
Calen	2
Calliope	1
Capella	2
Clermont	2
Curragh Mine	1
Duaringa	1
Dysart	3
Emerald	20
Emu Park	2
Finch Hatton	1
Gemfields	1
Gladstone	22
Glenden	1
Goonyella	1
Hail Creek	4
Longreach	5
Mackay	29.05
Marlborough	2
Middlemount	1

Miriam Vale	3
Moranbah	5
Mount Larcom	2
Mount Morgan	4
Moura	2
Nebo	1
North Mackay	16
Norwich Park	1
Peak Downs	1
Proserpine	6.63
Rockhampton	85.8
Saraji	1
Sarina	5
Springsure	2
Theodore	2
Tieri	1
Whitsunday	5
Winton	1
Woorabinda	2
Wowan	1
Yeppoon	15
Charleville	5
Chinchilla	3
Clifton	2
Crows Nest	3
Cunnamulla	2
Dalby	10
Dirranbandi	2
Fairview	12
Gatton	7
Goondiwindi	7
Inglewood	2
Injune	2
Jandowae	1
Meandarra	1
Miles	3
Millmerran	2
Mitchell	1
Oakey	5
Pittsworth	4
Roma	8.1
St George	3
Stanthorpe	7
Surat	2
Tara	3
Taroom	2
Texas	2
Toowoomba	63.1
Wandoan	1
Warwick	14.1
Beerwah	11

Biggenden	2
Buderim	13
Bundaberg	21
Burnett Coast	11
Caloundra	33.13
Childers	3
Cooloola	2
Coolum	13
Cooroy	16
Eidsvold	2
Fraser Island	1
Gayndah	2
Gin Gin	3
Gympie	17
Hervey Bay	17
Howard Station	4
Kawana	11
Kingaroy	8
Maleny	2
Maroochydore	20
Maryborough	19
Monto	1
Mundubbera	2
Murgon	9
Nambour	23
Nanango	3
Noosa	13
Pomona	2
Proston	1
Sunshine Coast	25
Tewantin	4
Wide Bay Burnett	14
Yarraman	2
Balmoral	18
Birkdale station	8
Bribie Island	14
Brisbane Region	33
Caboolture	20
Capalaba	18
Centenary	14
Chermside	27
Cleveland	18
Dayboro	2
Deception Bay	18
Durack	19
Eatons Hill	19
Grovely	17
Kedron Park	7
Kenmore	15
Kilcoy	2
Mt Gravatt	17

NARANGBA	10
NATHAN	15
North Stradbroke Island	1
Northgate	19
Petrie	15
Redcliffe	18
Redlands	12
Roma Street	17
Russell Island	3
Sandgate	17
South Brisbane	11
Spring Hill	155.89
Sunnybank Hills	15
Woodford	3
Wynnum	21
Beaudesert	11
Beenleigh	47.2
Boonah	5
Burleigh Heads	22
Canungra	3
Careflight	4
Coolangatta	15.5
Coral Gardens	19
Helensvale	14
Ipswich	36
Jimboomba	7
Kedron Park	1
Laidley	5
Logan Hospital	3
Lowood	5
Mount Tamborine	4
Mudgeeraba	11
Pimpama	6
Raceview station	11
Redbank	15
Rosewood	4
Runaway Bay	14
Southport	83.15
Springwood	14
Toogoolawah	4
West Logan	18
Woodridge	32
Atherton	13
Babinda	1
Bamaga	2
Cairns	33.1
Cairns Cluster	51.39
Cardwell	2
Coen	1
Cooktown	2
Dimbulah	2

Edmonton	3
Gordonvale	6
Innisfail	11
Kowanyama	1
Kuranda	2
Malanda	2
Mareeba	12
Millaa Millaa	2
Mission beach	2
Mossman	5
Mount Garnett	1
Port Douglas	2
Ravenshoe	3
Silkwood	1
Smithfield	1
Thursday Island	5
Tully	10
Weipa	2
Yarrabah	1