

**Question on Notice
No. 502
Asked on 20 April 2005**

MR HOOLIHAN asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR CUMMINS) -

QUESTION:

Will the SES at Emu Park be provided with an SES trailer this year?

ANSWER:

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

The State Emergency Service (SES) plays an important role within Queensland communities, by offering a range of volunteer rescue services and assistance during times of disaster.

To be able to provide this service, SES Groups around the State need trained volunteers, and plant and equipment that enables these volunteers to be able to perform their vital roles efficiently and effectively.

One important piece of equipment used by SES groups around the State is the rescue trailer, which is used by SES volunteers to carry rescue tools, signs, personal protective equipment and other items to and from incident sites.

In recognition of the importance of rescue trailers within SES Groups, and hence to Queensland communities, this Government pledged a further \$125,000 over 3 years, as part of its 2004 Election Commitments, to replace and update rescue trailers within SES Groups around the State.

I am pleased to announce that, following a review of equipment needs of SES Groups, the Emu Park SES Group will receive a tandem axle rescue trailer in May 2005, worth over \$7,500.