

**Question on Notice
No. 593
Asked on Tuesday, 10 May 2005**

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

QUESTION:

How many emergencies were responded to by ambulances, (regardless of the number of vehicles that attended the emergency) in (a) Maryborough and (b) Hervey Bay during 2003-04?

ANSWER:

For the purpose of this question, below are figures in relation to Code 1 incidents.

During the 2003-04 financial year the Maryborough Ambulance Station attended 1,882 Code 1 emergency cases and the Hervey Bay Ambulance Station attended 2,301 Code 1 cases, giving a total of 4,183 cases.

I am pleased to advise the Member that the Queensland Ambulance Service has recorded its tenth consecutive improvement in monthly response times to emergency (Code 1) incidents.

The latest response times represent an improvement in QAS Code 1 incidents, where paramedics were on the scene within 10 minutes. This trend is even more remarkable when you consider paramedics have attended an additional 4,842 Code 1 incidents in less than 10 minutes in the current financial year, in comparison to the same period in 2003-04.

It is important to note that the opening of the Howard and District Ambulance Station, worth over \$680 000, and the Hervey Bay Ambulance Station, worth over \$1million, in August last year, the local community is now equipped with modern ambulance facilities to meet the growing local population into the future.

The QAS continues to monitor trends, to ensure sufficient resources are available to meet the needs of the community.

The Maryborough Ambulance Station has received an additional four staff and the Hervey Bay Ambulance Station staffing has increased by seven.

The communities of Maryborough and the Fraser Coast are well served by the Queensland Ambulance Service and the Sunshine Coast Helicopter Rescue Service also provides assistance.