

**Question on Notice
No. 703
Thursday, 12 May 2005**

MR LIVINGSTONE asked the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Cummins) –

What benefit will the new I-Zone truck based at Ipswich have for my local electorate of Ipswich West?

MR CUMMINS:

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

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS), South Eastern Region with assistance identified strategic locations in the region for placement of new 4x4 iZone Medium Attack vehicles.

Ipswich was identified as a strategic location to facilitate a rapid response for strike teams to combat wildfires within the iZone environment. The new iZone vehicles will provide operational firefighters greater access to areas where large urban appliances have difficulty gaining entry, as more of the population chooses to live in semi-rural and urban residential estates on the outskirts of cities and towns.

The new iZone Medium Attack vehicle will be located at the Ipswich fire station where it will deliver year round benefits for the people of the Ipswich electorate and other adjoining communities.

The QFRS South Eastern Region will be receiving five of these vehicles over the coming months in preparation for the fire season.

To allow the urban pumpers to concentrate on fires that pose a risk to property and lives, the QFRS has also provided a Nissan 4x4 grassfire vehicle that will be used to extinguish small fires or those in difficult to reach areas.