

**Question on Notice
No. 707
Thursday, 12 May 2005**

MRS REILLY asked the Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Cummins) –

What benefit will the new I-Zone truck based at Burleigh Heads have for the electorate of Mudgeeraba and are there plans for any other vehicles to assist with the upcoming fire season?

MR CUMMINS:

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

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

Burleigh Heads 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 Burleigh Heads fire station where it will deliver year round benefits for the people of the Mudgeeraba 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.

In addition the Mudgeeraba Rural fire brigade will be receiving a new medium attack truck worth approximately \$75000 in mid June.