

**Question on Notice
No. 888
Asked on Tuesday, 7 June 2005**

MR HAYWARD asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR CUMMINS) –

QUESTION:

Will he advise the anticipated operational date of the Narangba Ambulance Station?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question and for the strong support he has shown, not only towards the Queensland Ambulance Service, but all sections of Emergency Services within his electorate.

The Beattie Government's Community Ambulance Cover has delivered the Queensland Ambulance Service a solid and predictable funding base for the first time in its 112-year history. This allows the Queensland Ambulance Service to plan with confidence for the future, knowing that they have such a sound and predictable funding base, as well as providing all Queensland residents with ambulance cover Australia wide.

This Government is strongly committed to ensuring all Queenslanders live in safe and secure communities through a continued boost in paramedic numbers, new and redeveloped stations, new vehicles and equipment, and greater training opportunities for rural paramedics.

These are just some of the highlights of a record \$313.3 million 2005-06 State Budget for the Queensland Ambulance Service.

The design and construction of a contemporary ambulance station at Narangba will provide our paramedics with a facility that complements their skills and equipment in the delivery of this world-class emergency service to the community.

\$1.2 million has been allocated to build a new ambulance station at Narangba. This represents a significant investment for the benefit of the people of the Narangba community.

It is anticipated that the new Narangba Ambulance Station will be operational by early 2006.

As the Member would no doubt agree, Queensland paramedics do a magnificent job protecting the lives of Queenslanders every day and it is vital that the Government provides them with the best possible resources to do their job.