

**Question on Notice
No. 1044
Asked on 8 June 2006**

MR CHOI asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR PURCELL) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the delivery of a new ambulance for the Capalaba Ambulance Station — Will he advise the benefits this will bring to the electorate of Capalaba?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question and for the strong support he has shown towards the Queensland Ambulance Service within his electorate.

In 2004, the Beattie Government committed \$29.5m for 200 new or refitted ambulance vehicles. This vehicle is a result of that commitment and will enhance an already world-class ambulance service within the Capalaba Electorate.

The ambulance vehicle is a Mercedes Sprinter which cost approximately \$150,000 and replaced a Commodore ambulance vehicle as part of the Queensland Ambulance Service vehicle replacement program. The Capalaba Ambulance Station now has a fleet of three Mercedes and one F250 Ford ambulance vehicles.

Ambulance stations situated at Capalaba, Cleveland and Redland Bay service the Capalaba Electorate, which is located in the South East Area of the Brisbane Region. Combined, these ambulance stations provide 24-hour ambulance coverage to the residents and visitors to the Capalaba Electorate, and will be further enhanced with the construction of the new Birkdale Ambulance Station, which is due to be completed in the first half of 2007.

Queensland paramedics do a magnificent job providing a world class ambulance service. They are well supported in this task by the ongoing commitment by the Beattie Labor Government to provide the best resources for paramedics to do their job. The record 2006/07 budget of \$355.7 million for the Queensland Ambulance Service is more than double the last budget under the Borbidge/Sheldon Coalition Government.