

**Question on Notice  
No. 1472  
Asked on 28 November 2006**

MRS PRATT asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR PURCELL).

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the loss or damage to ambulance property—

- (1) How many ambulances have been damaged from vandalism and/or attempted break-in since 2000, per year, to date?
- (2) What is the total dollar loss in equipment/vehicles and/or personal property of ambulance personnel who house vehicles on their private property in their same period?
- (3) How many injuries have occurred to ambulance personnel while working since 2000, per year, to date?
- (4) What security measures have been adopted by Queensland State Emergency Services for “on call” ambulance personnel to secure the security of the ambulance/drugs and their family and do these measures comply with workplace health and safety regulations?

**ANSWER:**

- (1) For the 2006 calendar year, seven ambulance vehicles have received damage. No data is available for years 2000 – 2005.
- (2) For the 2006 calendar year, the total dollar loss for equipment/vehicles and/or personal property of ambulance personnel who house vehicles on their private property is less than \$500. No data is available for years 2000 – 2005.
- (3) The following number of injuries have occurred since 2000, per financial year: 2000-01 – 331 injuries; 2001-02 – 358 injuries; 2002-03 – 386 injuries; 2003-04 – 439 injuries; 2004-05 – 539 injuries; 2005-06 – 492 injuries; and 2006-07 (as at 31 October 2006) – 124 injuries.
- (4) Queensland Ambulance Service personnel are trained to assess risk and manage situations with the potential to escalate. Queensland Ambulance Service officers are equipped with portable radios, pagers, mobile telephones, and or duress buttons to notify the Regional Communications Centre of a potential emergency situation. The Regional Communications Centres track and record the locations of ambulances at all times.

Procedures are also in place to protect ambulance vehicles against damage or theft as well as procedures for safe storage and handling of all drugs, which is in accordance with the Queensland Drugs and Poisons Regulations.