

Question on Notice
No. 1475
Asked on 29 November 2006

MR GRAY asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR PURCELL) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the new ambulance station in Nerang –

Will he advise of the progress and what benefits this new facility will bring to the residents of Nerang?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Ambulance Service identified the need to establish a new ambulance station in the Nerang area to meet the current and projected demand for ambulance services. The new Nerang Ambulance Station was an election commitment of this Government to meet growing demand and improve response times.

This station will form part of a network of stations located in the Gold Coast area, which includes: Burleigh Heads, Coolangatta, Coral Gardens, Helensvale, Mudgeeraba, Nerang, Runaway Bay and Southport. Ambulances from these locations are continuously coordinated relative to demand for service, to provide the most optimal coverage and response times for the entire Gold Coast area at any given time.

The Nerang Ambulance Station will consist of a staff establishment of 11, including one Officer-in-Charge and ten paramedics, with these officers utilising three emergency response ambulance vehicles.

The station provides functional efficiency that is conducive to a safe and healthy workplace and provides modern features including:

- a single plant room facility that houses the fleet and allows for each vehicle to have its own entry and exit point, thus allowing vehicle security and an immediate response capability of the fleet;
- secure off-street parking for staff and visitors;
- proximity card security access and motorised roller doors and gates for increased security and timely mobilisation;
- disability access and facilities; and
- back-up generator power.

Queensland paramedics do a magnificent job protecting the lives of Queenslanders every day and the Queensland Government continues to provide the best possible resources for paramedics to do their job and enhance the delivery of world-class emergency services to the Queensland community.

The Nerang Ambulance Station has progressed according to schedule.