

**Question on Notice
No. 175
Asked on 1 March 2006**

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

QUESTION:

What will the proposed staffing levels be at the new Narangba Ambulance Station when it's completed?

ANSWER:

The Beattie Government has consistently committed increased operating and capital works budgets to the Queensland Ambulance Service in addition to recruiting and training new paramedics throughout Queensland at unprecedented levels.

The Beattie Government has doubled the ambulance budget that we saw under a Borbidge/Sheldon Government.

The Narangba Ambulance Station will have an approved staff establishment of eight paramedics, inclusive of an Officer-in-Charge.

Two Mercedes Sprinter ambulance vehicles are currently operating from the Deception Bay Ambulance Station and these will be stationed at the Narangba Ambulance Station on its completion.

This new purpose built facility, which includes a fully equipped staff training room, will improve emergency coverage to the community of Narangba and its surrounds by the provision of an additional day and afternoon shift.

This new facility in the Kallangur electorate is an addition to an already world class ambulance service.

These initiatives are supported by this Government's ongoing commitment to ensuring safe and secure communities.

Over 2004/05, Queensland recorded the highest number of ambulance stations and locations and the second highest number of ambulance staff in the country.

Because of these investments by the Beattie Government, we have seen dramatic improvements in ambulance response times for Code 1 emergency cases.

Queensland Ambulance Service response times exceed the MPS target and according to the latest Report on Government Services, fared exceptionally well compared to the other states.

Queensland Ambulance Service patient satisfaction ratings are the envy of other states and at an all time high of 98%.