

**Question on Notice
No. 415
Asked on 28 March 2006**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Sunday Mail article of 19 March 2006 —
Why were Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) staff instructed to refrain from using the terms “ramping” and “access block” when sending radio messages to QAS communications centres, or is this instruction part of the Beattie Government’s on-going policy to cover-up the failure of the public hospital system?

ANSWER:

Staff in one region were recently reminded of the correct protocol for advising the Queensland Ambulance Service communications centre in that region of congestion in hospital emergency departments.