

**Question on Notice
No. 543
Asked on 20 April 2006**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the devastation in North Queensland in the wake of Cyclone Larry and the tremendous efforts by SES Volunteers –
Were there any groups activated in my area to assist with these operations?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for his question and congratulate him for his ongoing support for Emergency Services within his electorate.

Volunteers from Ipswich, Marburg, Rosewood and Lowood State Emergency Service (SES) groups were activated to assist with Tropical Cyclone Larry operations.

A total of 12 members from the Ipswich, Marburg and Rosewood SES and eight members from the Lowood SES Group were deployed in teams to the affected area on 19, 22 and 26 March, 2006.

The teams were tasked to undertake emergency roof repairs including removal of trees, requiring chainsaw operations and debris clean up.

SES volunteers also assisted with traffic control, roof tarping and door to door surveying of the extent of damage.

The SES volunteers were active throughout a number of areas in the cyclone affected region.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate State Emergency Service volunteers for the outstanding contribution they make to Queensland communities.