

Question on Notice
No. 680
Asked on 10 May 2006

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

QUESTION:

How can residents in my electorate of Ipswich West assist emergency services with clearly visible numbering?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question and congratulate him on the ongoing support for emergency services in his electorate.

The Department of Emergency Services has a keen interest in the way all premises are addressed, not just residential premises. A road environment where there is poor street numbering can make it extremely difficult for officers from the department to locate the correct address in the case of an emergency.

I would recommend that all premises have street numbers displayed. The number should be of a sufficient size to be visible from the centre of the road both during the day and at night. Numbers displayed should be a contrasting colour to its background and/or reflective. Numbers should also be located in a position where they are not cast into a shadow when an outside light is turned on.

In addition, where there has been a change in the numbering system, such as the introduction of a Rural Road address, then the old number must be removed as well as the original developers lot number. There should be only one number displayed on each premise.

It is also important that property owners ensure numbers remain visible by trimming any plants that might obscure as well as ensuring numbers do not get painted over when the fence or building is re-painted.

The Department of Emergency Services has been implementing a community safety project in Partnership with the Queensland Police Service and targeted neighbourhood watch groups. Some neighbourhood watch groups have used project funding to deliver a kerbside numbering program with the assistance of their local community.