

**Question on Notice
No. 803
Asked on 23 May 2006**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Ambulance Service's (QAS) procedures for the carriage and administration of morphine, where two Advanced Care Paramedics need to be present so that, among other things, the use of the drug can be accounted for properly –

In the past 12 months have there been occasions where these procedures have been ignored; if so, on how many occasions and how much morphine has gone missing from QAS stocks during that period?

ANSWER:

No morphine ampoules have gone missing in the past 12 months. However, a recent audit identified one instance where 19 morphine ampoules had been tampered with and the morphine was missing. This matter is now before the courts.