

**Question on Notice
No. 852
Asked on 24 May 2006**

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

QUESTIONS:

With reference to the Firecom centres of the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service –

- (1) What is the full complement of staff positions budgeted to each Firecom Centre (reported separately) for 2004, 2005 and 2006?
- (2) How many permanent full-time staff, permanent casual staff, or temporary employees have been or are employed at each Firecom Centre for 2004, 2005, 2006?
- (3) How many vacancies have existed or exist at each Firecom Centre during 2004, 2005, and 2006?
- (4) Does each Firecom Centre operate on a seven days per week 24 hours per day fully staffed roster?

ANSWERS:

- (1) Firecom Centre staff positions budgeted for:

FIRECOM	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary	Permanent	Temporary
Far Northern	5	2	5	3	5	3
Northern	9	3	9	3	9	3
Central	9	3	9	3	9	3
North Coast	9	3	9	3	9	3
Brisbane	27	0	27	0	27	0
South Eastern	9	3	9	3	9	3
South Western	5	2	5	3	5	3

Note: These budgeted positions will differ from Headcount numbers.

Note: It should be noted that while casuals are not budgeted for, their usage allows flexibility in staffing arrangements.

- (2) Firecom full-time, permanent casual and temporary staff:

FIRECOM	As at 31/3/2004			As at 31/3/2005			As at 31/3/2006		
	Perm	Casual	Temp	Perm	Casual	Temp	Perm	Casual	Temp
Far Northern	5	3	0	5	3	0	5	3	0
Northern	8	2	1	9	3	0	9	2	1
North Coast	9	4	0	9	2	2	9	2	0
Central	9	3	0	9	3	0	9	4	0
Brisbane	29	3	0	23	6	0	26	6	0

South Eastern	9	3	0	9	3	0	9	3	0
South Western	4	3	1	4	3	1	2	4	3

Note: Please note that Headcount is defined as the number of officers employed, irrespective of whether they work full time, part time or casually.

Note: Please note that these figures are as at 31/3/06 being the official reporting period for the Ministerial Portfolio Statements.

(3) Firecom Centre vacancies:

FIRECOM	As at 31/3/2004	As at 31/3/2005	As at 31/3/2006
Far Northern	0	0	0
Northern	0	0	0
Central	0	0	0
North Coast	0	0	0
Brisbane	2	3	1
South Eastern	0	0	0
South Western	0	0	0

Note: It should be noted that permanent or temporary vacancies can be filled by casuals until vacancies are filled.

Note: Please note that these figures are as at 31/3/06 being the official reporting period for the Ministerial Portfolio Statements.

(4) Firecom Centres operation:

The seven Firecom Centres all operate on a 24-hour, 7-day a week roster.