

**Question on Notice
No. 1019
Asked on 7 August 2007**

MR LEE asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS) -

QUESTION:

Will you provide details of the recent success by the Queensland Ambulance Service at the Queensland Training Awards?

ANSWER:

I am pleased to advise that the Queensland Ambulance Service received the Queensland Training Award, Employer of the Year - Brisbane Region for outstanding achievement in the area of vocational education and training by a Queensland business with 20 or more staff.

As a result of this win, the Queensland Ambulance Service will now proceed to the Queensland Training Awards State finals with winners being announced on 13 September 2007.

The Queensland Ambulance Service has made significant accomplishments in providing quality training to all staff by using creative and innovative teaching methods. The Queensland Ambulance Service strives for excellence in training delivery to staff working in a time critical emergency health environment.

In its application, the Department of Emergency Services' Queensland Combined Emergency Services Academy School of Ambulance and Paramedic Studies, demonstrated an overwhelming commitment to develop, support and empower staff by highlighting the educational programs that 2,666 staff members accessed in 2006.

Programs included delivery of accredited training including the Diploma of Paramedical Science, paramedic skills updates, language literacy and numeracy support, women in management pathways program, and training for volunteer staff.

The training staff incorporated a variety of technologies including the use of a virtual classroom, simulator labs, videoconferencing, interactive whiteboards and the electronic Ambulance Report Form mobility tablet computer. This enabled Queensland Ambulance Service staff across the state to access learning opportunities either in their own community or region.