Question on Notice
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MRS MILLER asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS) -

QUESTION:

How do Local Ambulance Committees assist their communities across Queensland?

ANSWER:

There are currently one hundred and eighty one Local Ambulance Committees in Queensland with a membership of over 1,500 volunteers.

The official functions of Local Ambulance Committees as defined in the *Ambulance Service Act 1991* are:

- to liaise between the community it represents and the Queensland Ambulance Service;
- to promote community participation in and awareness of ambulance services;
- to provide advice to the Commissioner, Queensland Ambulance Service in respect of ambulance services in the community it represents;
- to undertake fundraising activities for the benefit of ambulance services in the community it represents;
- to manage money held in trust for the benefit of ambulance services in the community it represents; and
- such other functions, as the Minister agrees to.

Local Ambulance Committees are ideally situated to engage their communities and have continued to perform a vital role in providing feedback and advice to the service regarding the provision and enhancement of emergency medical service delivery.

Local Ambulance Committees consist of members of the community who take an active interest in the provision of high-quality emergency medical services and continued improvement to the health and well being of the community.

The Committees provide a number of community safety services to their communities including:

- the promotion of First Aid products and services;
- CPR training;
- promotion of the risks of heat stress and related illnesses;
- educating the community to call ‘000’ (triple zero) in an emergency; and
- regional programs (such as stinger awareness in the Far Northern Region).

Local Ambulance Committees can support their local service by fundraising and through submitting grant applications to organisations such as the Community Gambling Benefit Fund for the purchase of equipment and other

associated items, which enhance the local ambulance service. These grants enable and assist with the purchase of medical equipment, training materials and training manikins.

Local Ambulance Committees are made up of selfless members of the community dedicated to supporting the Queensland Ambulance Service.