

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1939**  
**Asked on 15 November 2007**

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

QUESTION:

What services are provided by the volunteers of the Goodna State Emergency Service in our community?

ANSWER:

In Queensland, the State Emergency Service (SES) is the primary response agency for storm and flood emergencies and provides support to other emergency services.

The Goodna SES Group is part of the Ipswich SES Unit. It is a strong Group with 58 members and provides an invaluable service to the community of Goodna and surrounding areas.

From 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 volunteer members of the Group performed 5727 hours of service. The Group has been busy this year and members have participated in a number of significant operations including responding to requests for assistance following damage caused by severe storms on 28 October 2007.

Throughout the year, members of the Group have been involved in other storm damage operations, search and rescue operations, traffic control, community education and providing support to the Queensland Police Service and the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service.

The Goodna SES Group also regularly provides support and assistance to other SES Units and communities and regularly assists at a number of community events including the local Jacaranda Festival and Anzac Day March.

Members from the Goodna SES Group were some of the first to fly to Innisfail and help with damage repairs following Tropical Cyclone Larry in 2006. In June 2007 members of the Goodna SES Group were part of the Queensland Task Force that assisted the New South Wales SES with the response to severe flooding in the Hunter Region when over 13,800 calls for assistance were made to the SES.

Members of the Group were recently recognised for this deployment with Certificates of Appreciation from the Mayor and SES Local Controller of the City of Lake Macquarie.

The Group has participated in every Queensland SES State Rescue Competition since its inception and has won the event on a number of occasions. This year the Group represented the South East Region at the competition and won third place in the State.

The Goodna SES Group is highly regarded in its local community for its selfless and dedicated service in all conditions and at any time of the day or night and its members should be proud of their contribution.