

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 277**  
**Asked on 6 March 2007**

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

**QUESTION:**

- (1) Will he advise simply and clearly why officers at Hervey Bay Ambulance Station, one of the busiest stations in the North Coast Region and recently polled fourth busiest station in the State, are forced to be on E/A for a minimum of ten hours following a ten hour shift?
- (2) Will he advise if it is acceptable for staff to be on 20 hour shifts, if so, what is his justification for staff to be working these hours?

**ANSWER:**

- (1) In addition to the 24 hour rostered coverage, staff at the Hervey Bay Ambulance Station undertake emergency availability to provide backup in circumstances of peak load demand.
- (2) Queensland Ambulance Service staff do not work 20 hour shifts. The Queensland Ambulance Service has a comprehensive fatigue management policy to ensure staff don't work excessive hours.