Question on Notice No. 309 Asked on Wednesday, 07 March 2007

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the SEQ Regional Plan, which identifies Kawana as one of the fastest growing areas in South East Queensland and as the Kawana Fire Station is currently staffed with only auxiliary firefighters — Will he advise why the Kawana Fire Station has not been upgraded to the status of a permanently staffed station and when it will be upgraded to a permanently staffed station to reflect the area's rapid growth?

ANSWER:

The Kawana Fire Station is located within the Caloundra and Maroochydore operational response boundaries and is also serviced by professional career firefighters from Caloundra and Maroochydore. Kawana is further supported by firefighters from Buderim, Nambour, Maleny and Beerwah for large incidents.

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service is able to respond with a high number of fire crews and appliances to anywhere in the Kawana area within very prompt timeframes. Neighbouring stations regularly provide back up to each other during operational incidents as part of standard operating procedures.