

Question on Notice
No. 40
Asked on Tuesday, 6 February 2007

MR CHOI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MR PURCELL)

QUESTION:

With reference to additional infrastructure provided for the Capalaba and Birkdale areas— will he advise what benefits will that bring to the citizens in my electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question and congratulate him for the strong support he has shown towards emergency services in his electorate.

Recently, I joined the Member to handover a Ford F350 ambulance vehicle to the Capalaba Ambulance Station on 30 January 2007. The vehicle was a dual-stretcher vehicle that was fitted with state-of-the-art patient care equipment. The vehicle, which was worth \$160,000, will help to boost emergency ambulance responses to the local area.

The Beattie Government is committed to making the Capalaba and Birkdale area an even better place to live and raise a family. The Queensland Ambulance Service has commenced delivery of the new Birkdale Ambulance Station in Napier Street, Birkdale, with demolition works and construction of the building platforms complete. While the station is being built, the paramedics who will work out of the station are on the road providing front-line services to the local area.

The new ambulance station will provide increased ambulance coverage to those who live and work in the areas of Birkdale, Wellington Point, Capalaba and the surrounding areas. The station will also support the Cleveland, Capalaba and Wynnum Ambulance Stations.