

**Question on Notice
No. 708
Asked on 22 May 2007**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to ambulance vehicles –

- (1) How many new ambulance vehicles have been purchased so far in 2006-2007?
- (2) How much has been spent on these purchases?
- (3) Where were they purchased from?

ANSWER:

- (1) As part of the Department of Emergency Services 2006-2007 financial year State Budget, the Queensland Ambulance Service undertook to commission 119 ambulance vehicles to ensure that the Queensland Ambulance Service operates a cost effective fleet to better meet demand for service.

As at 15 June 2007, 107 ambulance vehicles have been commissioned for this financial year, with the remaining 12 ambulance vehicles in their final stages of build.

From the time that the Queensland Ambulance Service places an order for ambulance vehicles, to their delivery and subsequent build and fit-out by ambulance vehicle builders, the process can take between six and 24 months. The Queensland Ambulance Service places orders, purchases base vehicles and makes progress payments as the build of the ambulance vehicles progresses. Generally the financial cost for a fully completed ambulance vehicle does not arise in the same financial year as the ambulance vehicle is commissioned.

- (2) It is estimated that the total cost for the 119 commissioned ambulance vehicles will be \$16.9 million, of which approximately \$16 million has already been expended.
- (3) The 119 commissioned ambulance vehicles were purchased from Daimler Chrysler Commercial Vehicles, Ford and Toyota, and the fit-out was carried out by Superior Industries, Mills-Tui Australia, Mader International and Varley Specialised Vehicles.