

**Question on Notice
No.787
Asked on 24 May 2007**

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

QUESTION:

How many jobs have ambulance officers attended, region by region, to assist with mentally ill persons for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (year-to-date)?

ANSWER:

The Medical Priority Dispatch System categorises ambulance responses. Responses that have been categorised on receipt of the call that relate to mental illness, psychiatric or abnormal behaviour, or suicide attempt are listed below:

- Northern Region - 820 incidents in the 2004-2005 financial year, 876 in the 2005-2006 financial year and 775 incidents in the 2006-2007 financial year, as at 22 May 2007.
- Central Region - 504 incidents in the 2004-2005 financial year, 651 in the 2005-2006 financial year and 622 incidents in the 2006-07 financial year as at 22 May 2007.
- South Western Region - 240 incidents in the 2004-2005 financial year, 273 in the 2005-2006 financial year and 359 incidents in the 2006-2007 financial year, as at 22 May 2007.
- North Coast Region - 817 incidents in the 2004-2005 financial year, 953 in the 2005-2006 financial year and 1,138 incidents in the 2006-2007 financial year, as at 22 May 2007.
- Brisbane Region – 2,710 incidents in the 2004-2005 financial year, 2,925 in the 2005-2006 financial year and 3,025 incidents in the 2006-2007 financial year, as at 22 May 2007.
- South Eastern Region – 2,353 incidents in the 2004-2005 financial year, 2,444 in the 2005-2006 financial year and 2,610 incidents in the 2006-2007 financial year, as at 22 May 2007.
- Far Northern Region - 517 incidents in the 2004-2005 financial year, 577 in the 2005-2006 financial year and 540 incidents in the 2006-2007 financial year, as at 22 May 2007.