

**Question on Notice
No. 846
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QUESTION:

846 **MS STONE** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES (MR PURCELL)

- (1) How has the Emergency Services Budget changed since 1998?
- (2) What impact has this change had on the Queensland Ambulance budget?

ANSWER:

(1) The Beattie Labor Government has more than doubled the Emergency Services budget since taking office.

**Emergency Services Budget
1998 to 2008
(\$million)**

1998-99 Recast Budget*	1999-00 Budget	2000-01 Budget	2001-02 Budget	2002-03 Budget	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Adjusted Budget**	2005-06 Budget	2006-07 Budget	2007-08 Budget
401.1	435.8	475.1	517.5	558.6	607.6	626.5	667.5	744.1	849.3

* Recast from cash to accrual basis

** Budget adjusted for Machinery of Government changes

(2) The Queensland Ambulance Service budget for 2007-08 is a record \$404.5 million. This represents an increase of \$48.8 million on last year – or a 13.7 per cent increase on the \$355.7 million budget in 2006-07. The 2007-08 Queensland Ambulance Services budget is almost \$250 million more than the \$158 million in the last year of the Coalition Government in 1997-98.

This record level of funding will help ensure the Queensland Ambulance Service continues to deliver world-class patient care to all Queenslanders as the State's population increases and ages.

This year the Queensland Ambulance Service budget will continue to strengthen operational service delivery by providing an additional 250 ambulance officers including:

- 208 ambulance officers including paramedics, communications officers, clinical and support staff to assist the Queensland Ambulance Service manage demand for services driven by a growing and ageing population and the community's increasing use of emergency health services.
- 42 ambulance officers to complete the program of an additional 144 ambulance officers over two years. These additional positions will contribute to the long-term occupational health and well-being of QAS paramedics, patient transport officers and communications officers.