

Question on Notice
No. 88
Asked on Thursday 8 February 2007

MRS LAVARCH asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR PURCELL) -

QUESTION: With reference to the recent Australia Day celebrations—
What recognition was given to our hardworking emergency services staff and volunteers?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Kurwongbah for her question.

The Department of Emergency Services Australia Day Achievement Awards recognise the hard work and commitment of emergency services staff and volunteers and are an opportunity to show our appreciation for their ongoing dedication and distinguished service.

Queensland's emergency services staff and volunteers have a vital role in the community. These dedicated individuals, who give their time and effort to the Department of Emergency Services, including the Queensland Ambulance Service, the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service and Emergency Management Queensland, all play a very important role in protecting our communities.

From those who work in operational areas, to those who support them in administration, management, communications and logistics, each and every one is an essential part of the team.

The Awards are also an opportunity to acknowledge those businesses, employers and organisations whose support helps our staff and volunteers serve with such distinction.

208 Australia Day Medallions and 42 Australia Day Appreciation Certificates were awarded for Australia Day 2007 to staff from the Department of Emergency Services and volunteers at functions across the state. Presentations were made at ceremonies in Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Maryborough, Caloundra, Toowoomba and Brisbane.