

**Question on Notice
No. 885
Asked on 6 June 2007**

MS DARLING asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR PURCELL) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the essential life saving activities of emergency service volunteers on our waterways – What support does the Government provide to my local volunteer marine rescue workers?

ANSWER:

Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland

In 2007-2008, under the Service Agreement, the department will provide \$1,120,530 to the Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland.

In addition, a further 'once off' funding of \$1 million was provided in 2006-2007 to assist with the Association's Vessel Management Program. A further \$50,000 was provided in 2006-2007 to assist with training related initiatives, which brings the total to \$1.050 million as part of the 2006 Beattie Government Election Commitments. This extra funding will benefit all 25 squadrons in Queensland.

Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association

In 2007-2008, under the Service Agreement, the department will provide \$1,005,965 to the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association.

In addition, a 'once off' funding of \$900,000 was provided in 2006-2007 to assist with the Association's Vessel Management Program. A further \$50,000 was provided in 2006-2007 to assist with training related initiatives, which brings the total to \$950,000 as part of the 2006 Beattie Government Election Commitments. This extra funding will benefit all 22 flotillas in Queensland.

Surf Life Saving Queensland

In 2007-08, under the Service Agreement, the department will provide \$2,979,360 to Surf Life Saving Queensland.

Commencing in 2006-2007, an additional \$1.6 million will be provided each year for four years (\$6.4 million in total) to assist Surf Life Saving Queensland to enhance and expand beach safety services to Queensland communities through a new initiative, the SLSQ/Department of Emergency Services Beach Safety Services Development Fund.

An additional \$100,000.00 each year over 4 years (\$400,000.00 in total) will also be provided to assist SLSQ with WorkCover premiums.

Royal Life Saving Society Queensland

In 2007-2008, under the Service Agreement, the department will provide a total of approximately \$51,615 to the Royal Life Saving Society Queensland for the operation of two lifesaving clubs.

Commencing in 2006-2007, as part of the 2006 Beattie Government Election Commitments, an additional \$300,000 will be provided each year for four years (\$1.2 million in total) to enhance and expand the 'Swim and Survive' program in Queensland Schools.