

Question on Notice
No. 1786
Asked on 25 November 2008

MR HAYWARD asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent storms in the Narangba/Burpengary area –
How many households were assisted by the State Emergency Service and how many volunteer staff were involved in providing this assistance?

ANSWER:

During the recent storms that affected the Narangba/Burpengary area, 256 households required assistance. The majority of the requests were for emergency roof repairs.

A total of 118 State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers worked tirelessly to assist with the above repairs.

The storm response indicates the outstanding effort demonstrated by the SES volunteers in supporting their community during times of need.

The Bligh Government has reiterated its commitment to support the attraction, recruitment, training and recognition of emergency services volunteers in the recent "Toward Q2" vision statement.

In line with the Q2 plan, the Government launched a new SES recruitment campaign in July this year to encourage people to join the SES. To achieve this, the Government is attracting potential recruits from all backgrounds and promoting the benefits of volunteering and the versatility of the SES from active roles to just as important behind-the-scenes roles.

As you would be aware volunteering helps build stronger, more connected and caring communities and the Bligh Government will ensure that Queensland SES volunteers continue to be well resourced and able to support the community.