

**Question on Notice
No. 1842
Asked on 26 November 2008**

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

QUESTION:

For 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, how many jobs did ambulance officers attend involving a drug affected person or a drug overdose (reported separately by region)?

ANSWER:

The below information outlines the number of cases reported by paramedics as drug affected persons or a drug overdose for the financial years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

The QAS Northern region recorded 735 cases for the 2005-2006 year, 846 cases for the 2006-2007 year and 852 for the 2007-2008 year.

The QAS Central region recorded 773 cases for the 2005-2006 year, 867 cases for the 2006-2007 year and 847 for the 2007-2008 year.

The QAS South Western region recorded 444 cases for the 2005-2006 year, 576 cases for the 2006-2007 year and 545 for the 2007-2008 year.

The QAS North Coast region recorded 1,241 cases for the 2005-2006 year, 1,479 cases for the 2006-2007 year and 1,402 for the 2007-2008 year.

The QAS Brisbane region recorded 3,872 cases for the 2005-2006 year, 4,242 cases for the 2006-2007 year and 4,475 for the 2007-2008 year.

The QAS South Eastern region recorded 2,236 cases for the 2005-2006 year, 2,520 cases for the 2006 – 2007 year and 2,601 for the 2007-2008 year.

The QAS Far Northern region recorded 606 cases for the 2005-2006 year, 684 cases for the 2006-2007 year and 707 for the 2007-2008 year.