

**Question on Notice
No. 221
Asked on 27 February 2008**

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

QUESTION:

- (1) Will he detail his department's cost of support of the 'CPR for Life' program for 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 and also the number of staff involved in administering the program, the number volunteers involved and the number of people trained?
- (2) Will he also provide the forecast income the department expects to generate from the \$57.50 charge for CPR training and also the number of administration and frontline paramedics who will run the program (if not dedicated full-time to the program, then full-time equivalents) and also the total numbers of people it expects to train over the coming five financial years?

ANSWER:

- (1) Queensland Ambulance Service advises that the cost of support of the CPR for Life awareness program for the last five years is as follows:

Financial Year	Cost to support the program
2003-2004	\$0.172*
2004-2005	\$0.5m
2005-2006	\$0.4m
2006-2007	\$0.44m
2007-2008, as at 29 February 2008.	\$0.26m**

**Note: (1) In the 2003/04 financial year, costs for the CPR for Life awareness program were*

incorporated in the broader Community Safety program cost centre.

(2) This figure relates to salary costs at Head Office, Kedron only and does not include

materials, travel and on-costs, and regional costs to administer the program

***Note: (3) Full year estimated cost of the program is \$0.46m*

The Queensland Ambulance Service estimates that 5.84 full-time equivalent staff were involved in administering the CPR for Life awareness program. This included dedicated staff at Head Office, Kedron and regional staff who assisted the program as a part of their administrative role.

The number of community members who have been trained to conduct the CPR for Life awareness program since inception is 857, of which 579 are active.

The number of community members who have been trained in the non-accredited CPR for Life program since inception is 44,823.

In comparison, over the last five years 136,934 people have been trained in an accredited Perform CPR course.

- (2)** The current fee for the Perform CPR accredited training course is \$59.

The forecasted income for the Perform CPR accredited training course in the 2007-2008 financial year is \$1,417,266.

Staff numbers involved in the delivery of Perform CPR is estimated at 7.02 full-time equivalent non-operational staff and 4.08 full-time equivalent with Queensland Ambulance Service current or past paramedic qualification. Of these, .58 full time equivalent are current front line operational paramedics who deliver Perform CPR courses outside rostered or on-call hours. They are paid as contractors and no front line paramedics are diverted from operational duties to perform the training.

The expected number of people who will attend a Perform CPR accredited training course in the 2007-2008 financial year is 25,914.

It is anticipated that over the next five financial years, in excess of 134,850 people will be trained in the Perform CPR accredited training course. The Perform CPR, unlike the CPR for Life awareness program, is an accredited training program and the Department continues to encourage community members to participate in the accredited program.