Question on Notice
No. 549
Asked on 17 April 2008

MR MESSENGER asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport (MS SPENCE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Queensland Police use of privately owned helicopters—

Will she list (a) each occasion in the last 12 months that police have requested the use of a private helicopter to assist in policing activities, (b) which organisation facilitated each request, (c) the date of each request, (d) the duration of each use of a private helicopter and (e) the cost to the Queensland Police Service of each occasion?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Police Service primarily uses government helicopters for operational purposes. However, privately owned helicopters are occasionally used for purposes such as land and marine search and rescues.

In the last 12 months the Queensland Police Service has used private helicopters for a total of 128 hours.