

Question on Notice
No. 1265
Asked on 16 September 2009

MR MCLINDON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (MR ROBERTS)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the outcomes and conclusions of the recent disaster management review including any implications for Emergency Services in the Beaudesert Electorate?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government is committed to ensuring the people of Queensland are well prepared for natural disasters and officers from the Department of Community Safety continue to work with local government representatives and key organisations to prepare for natural disasters.

The Government continues to demonstrate its support of the selfless devotion of volunteers by its contribution of \$14.068 million in the 2009-10 financial year budget to Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ) for the State Emergency Service (SES).

Other key initiatives for EMQ in the 2009-2010 financial year include \$1.221 million from Election Commitment 2009 "Support Our Heroes" to strengthen the SES capability to respond to natural disasters through the provision of 20 vehicles, four floodboats and two rescue trailers; \$1.957 million from Election Commitment 2006 "Safeguarding Cyclone Communities" which will be directed to the purchasing of five floodboats, four rescue trailers and the ongoing provision and upgrading of personal protective equipment; and \$3.297 million from Election Commitment 2006 "Safeguarding Cyclone Communities" will be directed to provide volunteers with the skills they need to perform emergency service functions safely and effectively.

In addition, the Bligh Government has assisted communities affected by storms, flooding and other events by contributing equally with the Commonwealth Government to the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA). The Queensland Government's total expenditure for the 2007-2008 financial year was \$214,656,146 and the total estimated expenditure for the financial year 2008-2009 is \$337,368,364.

The review of Disaster Management arrangements is still under consideration by the Government and as no decisions have yet been made, there are no implications for Beaudesert or any other electorate at this time.