

**Question on Notice  
No. 1723  
Asked on 10 November 2009**

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

With reference to fire levies—

- 1) What was the total of fire levies collected in Queensland in 2007-08 and 2008-09?
- 2) What is the breakdown of the fire levy funding allocated to the following rural fire brigades in 2008-09 and 2009-10 (reported by year):
  - a) Mudgeeraba Rural Fire Brigade,
  - b) Gilston/Advancetown Rural Fire Brigade,
  - c) Clagiraba Rural Fire Brigade,
  - d) Bonogin Rural Fire Brigade,
  - e) Springbrook Rural Fire Brigade,
  - f) Numinbah Rural Fire Brigade and
  - g) Lower Beechmont Rural Fire Brigade?

ANSWER:

1. The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) received revenues from urban fire levies amounting to \$261.3 million in 2007-2008 and \$282.8 million in 2008-2009. No direct levy funding was allocated to the Mudgeeraba, Gilston/Advancetown, Clagiraba, Bonogin, Springbrook, Numinbah, or Lower Beechmont Rural Fire Brigades from urban fire levies in 2008-2009 or 2009-2010 because these brigades are within rural fire brigade areas.
2. The Mudgeeraba Rural Fire Brigade, Gilston/Advancetown Rural Fire Brigade, Clagiraba Rural Fire Brigade, Bonogin Rural Fire Brigade, Springbrook Rural Fire Brigade, Numinbah Rural Fire Brigade and Lower Beechmont Rural Fire Brigades form part of the Gold Coast Group of Rural Fire Brigades, which receive rural fire levy funding from the Gold Coast City Council.

The Gold Coast City Council raises funds through a special rate or charge under the *Local Government Act 1993*. All funds raised are distributed across the 17 rural fire brigades in the local government area. The following table details the funding received for the listed brigades. The information has been provided by the brigades.

The allocation received by rural fire brigades and when it is paid, is determined by the local council following consultation with QFRS Rural Operations and the rural fire brigades. Amounts are paid following receipt of appropriate documentation from the brigades at defined periods through financial year.

It should be noted that the brigades actually received the 2008-09 amount plus half of the previous financial year's levy, during the 2008-2009 financial year.

<b>Brigade</b>	<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>Total payment 2008-2009</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>
Mudgeeraba	\$9,340.00	\$13,727.00	\$10,357.00
Gilston/Advancetown	\$5,620.00	\$8,416.00	\$6,332.00
Clagiraba	\$19,221.00	\$28,404.00	\$22,163.00
Bonogin Valley	\$30,820.00	\$44,959.00	\$34,292.00
Springbrook	\$23,379.00	\$35,563.00	\$26,188.00
Numinbah Valley	\$5,581.00	\$8,582.00	\$6,332.00
Lower Beechmont	\$23,897.00	\$23,897.00	\$26,617.00

NB. The total payment in 2008-2009 for Lower Beechmont was \$23,897. It received funding for 2 periods in the following payment.