

Question on Notice
No. 746
Asked on 29 October 2013

MS BARTON asked the Minister for Health (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

How does the structural alignment of the Queensland Ambulance Service benefit the residents of the Broadwater Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Broadwater for her question.

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) and Department of Health (DoH) are significant partners in health care in Queensland. Aligning the geographical boundaries of the two organisations means more local solutions to issues as they arise by bringing organisational decision making closer to frontline service delivery.

The structural alignment of QAS and DoH has resulted in the patients of the Broadwater Electorate receiving hospital care faster and paramedics completing jobs quicker. This is largely thanks to the implementation of the Metropolitan Emergency Department Access Initiative and significant improvements in ambulance services across the state and in the Gold Coast local area.

We are now seeing a faster flow of patients from the ambulance to the emergency department, which is a vast improvement on what patients and ambulance crews experienced prior to the structural alignments.

In an industry where seconds count, this is a significant improvement and of great benefit to the local community.