

**Question on Notice**

**No. 849**

**Asked on Wednesday, 20 November 2013**

**MR BYRNE** asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR EMERSON)—

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide details of all the companies and entities registered to operate ambulances in Queensland, the date they first became authorised and the number of vehicles registered in each company's fleet?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Rockhampton for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is not responsible for registering entities to operate an ambulance service in Queensland.

*The Transport Operations (Road Use Management- Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2010* defines an ambulance vehicle as a motor vehicle used solely for giving emergency treatment and pre-hospital patient care to, and the transport of, sick or injured persons by an ambulance service or hospital.

The classification of a vehicle as an ambulance on the vehicle register, by meeting the criteria above, allows those vehicles to receive the reduced rate of registration fees for vehicles registered as ambulances.

In total there are 1036 ambulances registered in Queensland. Of this number, the Department of Community Safety currently has 1027 registered in their name with an authorisation date from the 1 July 1996.

There are four other organisations that have nine ambulances registered in their names with authorisation dates ranging from February 1998 to July 2012. The names of these organisations are not able to be provided on commercial in confidence grounds.

The register also indicates that there are another 18 organisations that are able to register ambulances in their names but do not have any ambulance vehicles currently registered in their name.