

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 14**  
**Asked on 11 February 2014**

MR KATTER asked the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services (MR DEMPSEY) -

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide the amount and nature of funding given to all emergency rescue helicopters in Queensland?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the Question.

Queensland has a highly effective Emergency Helicopter Network that provides services to the community on behalf of the State Government from bases strategically located to service high risk, high demand areas.

The State Government's Emergency Helicopter Network is comprised of three community based emergency helicopter provider organisations; a contracted service and the Government owned and operated Emergency Helicopter Service (EHS).

The State Government owned helicopters are based at Brisbane, Townsville, and Cairns. The funding for the EHS for 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as follows:

	2012-12 (actuals)	2013-14 (estimated actuals)
Total	\$22.714M	\$23.796M

The Community Helicopter Providers are:

- CareFlight Group with bases at the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba and Bundaberg
- Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service at Rockhampton
- CQ Helicopter Rescue at Mackay

Each of these organisations receives an annual grant from the Government under the terms of a Funding Deed based on agreed number of hours service delivery. The total grant funding for 2013-14 for the Community Helicopter Providers is \$13.46M.

The State Government also has an agreement with the Mount Isa based North Queensland Helicopter Rescue Service which is independent of the Emergency Helicopter Network. The Service is supported through chartering its services on a user pays basis, as required.