

**Question on Notice
No. 236
Asked on 1 April 2014**

MR BYRNE asked the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services (MR DEMPSEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister (a) list any fire stations across Queensland that (i) were unattended for a duration between two and six hours long for any reason since 1 January 2013 (including date), (ii) were unattended for more than a six hour period for any reason since 1 January 2013, (iii) had crewed fire (pumping) appliances with fewer than four firefighters due to any reason, identified by station and location, since 1 January 2013 and (iv) had fire (pumping) appliances that have responded in any capacity with fewer than their designated crewing due to staff shortage (listed by type and date) and (b) advise the number of fire appliances, by location and reason, that have responded to medical and QAS mutual assist calls since 1 January 2013?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for the question.

The Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) has advised that there are a total of 669 fire stations across Queensland. These are staffed by approximately 39,258 staff and volunteers.

QFES has advised that gathering the requested data from such a large pool of information would need to be done manually, as no automated system is in place to measure the requested outputs. This would be onerous and accordingly, collecting this information would substantially and unreasonably divert the resources of the QFES from their intended frontline functions of keeping our community safe.