

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 877**  
**Asked on 17 September 2015**

**MRS FRECKLINGTON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON J MILLER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) if and when the new government Wireless Network will be rolled out to the area north west of Toowoomba, specifically for townships such as Maclagan, Quinalow, Goombungee and Kulpi, and (b) if in the meantime QFES are able to piggy-back off the police network?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for the question.

I am advised that Goombungee is within the contracted coverage area of the Government Wireless Network (GWN).

I understand that the scope of the GWN in the South East Queensland implementation does not provide contracted coverage to the townships of Maclagan, Quinalow and Kulpi. However, given the proximity of contracted GWN transmission sites, I am told that these locations may receive some coverage.

Further, I am informed that the current QPS analogue network in these areas has the capacity for one agency only and that adding another agency could impact on the communications capability of the QPS.

My advice is that the full implementation of the GWN and the operational transition of Police, Fire and Ambulance services to the new network is expected to be completed by June 2016.

On completion, the network will be used by 17,500 emergency services personnel across South East Queensland.