

Question on Notice
No. 994
Asked on 14 October 2015

MR KELLY asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON C R DICK)—

Will the Minister advise how electorates on the Southside of Brisbane, including my electorate of Greenslopes, will benefit from additional patient transport services through the Queensland Ambulance Service?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Greenslopes for his question.

This government is committed to ensuring the safety of Queensland residents and visitors through the provision of the highest quality ambulance services. In the 2015–16 financial year, \$9.8 million was provided for an additional 75 ambulance officers to be recruited across the state to manage the increasing demand for ambulance services, with 100 additional officers already recruited in 2014-15.

The funding of these additional positions reflects the government's priority of addressing demand for essential emergency services by focusing resources to front-line service delivery.

The Metro South Local Ambulance Service Network received 12.5 additional positions, of which 4.7 positions are for Patient Transport Officers to meet increased demand for non-urgent patient transport workload. These officers will provide two additional crews that will be manned by two officers on afternoon shifts, Monday to Friday and will alleviate demand on acute crews providing non-urgent services.

Whilst the officers will be located at South Brisbane Ambulance Station, they will provide services to all of the electorates on the southside of Brisbane, including Greenslopes.