

## Question on Notice

No. 924

Asked on Tuesday, 21 August 2018

**DR C ROWAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the process whereby access to gated and locked national parks is immediately provided in times of medical and/or other emergencies, specifically emergency services officers and their vehicles needing immediate access?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

Where applicable and practicable, in areas where national parks have sections that are gated and locked, registerable keys have been issued to all emergency services including Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) and the Queensland Police Service. In more remote locations, other local arrangements have been put in place and communicated between parties to ensure there is continued unobstructed access.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) officers in all priority regions regularly review their partnerships with local QAS staff to ensure that any arrangements for access in our protected area estate are consistent with QPWS and QAS standard operating procedures.