

Question on Notice

No. 296

Asked on 26 March 2019

MR A PERRETT asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

With reference to a 1,139 signature petition calling for an ambulance station at Glenwood to give the region's more than 6,000 residents (in Glenwood and surrounding townships) the same level of emergency services available in other regions—

Will the Minister support an ambulance station at Glenwood?

ANSWER

The establishment and location of ambulance stations is determined by a number of factors, including the type of community (urban, rural or isolated), ingress to and egress from road and air networks, response time profiling, ambulance utilisation rates, and available health infrastructure and access to services.

Gympie and Maryborough ambulance stations respond to incidents in Glenwood and surrounding area. The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) also works closely with Retrieval Services Queensland, who coordinate aeromedical resources including fixed wing and helicopter service.

The QAS continually reviews the current service delivery model and considers available options for future infrastructure and workforce enhancement planning.