

Question on Notice

No. 587

Asked on 13 May 2021

MRS D FRECKLINGTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION

With reference to ambulance service delivery in the townships of Blackbutt and Kilkivan and answer to Question on Notice No. 340 for 2021 regarding the factors to determine the appropriate level of ambulance service delivery currently available to regional townships—

Will the Minister advise if the service delivery in these townships (a) is currently being reviewed, (b) meets the criteria to be considered for an ambulance station and (c) if not, what other services could be considered to provide emergency health care response services e.g. more ambulances based in Murgon and Yarraman?

ANSWER

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) delivers services from 302 response locations, across an area of 1.77 million square kilometres to a population of over 5 million people. The QAS reviews its service delivery for Queensland communities annually as part of the QAS service planning review. The service planning review informs QAS priorities for the location of ambulance stations and the assignment of paramedics, vehicles and equipment across the state.

I am advised that the current level of resourcing based on demand data providing services for the Blackbutt and Kilkivan areas is considered appropriate. The community of Blackbutt is supported by the Yarraman Ambulance Station, which provides 24 hour coverage, seven days a week. The Kilkivan community is supported by ambulance stations at Gympie and Murgon, which provide 24 hour coverage, seven days a week for the communities and surrounding areas. The Kilkivan community is further supported by the QAS First Responder Group.

The QAS continues to monitor demand and service delivery for Queensland communities and assign resources as required to ensure delivery of timely, quality and appropriate, patient focused ambulance services.