

Question on Notice
No. 1157
Asked on 26 October 2022

MR S BENNETT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)

QUESTION:

With reference to the presence of rural fire brigades in remote Queensland communities, which may allow a faster response time than waiting for urban brigades from neighbouring communities—

Will the Minister clarify the operational arrangements between rural and urban fire brigades in relation to first responding to structural (house) fires?

ANSWER:

I am advised by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services that their Computer Aided Dispatch system assigns, dispatches, and mobilises the closest and quickest available resource to respond to and manage a structural fire situation.

In regard to remote Queensland communities this may include a single service response or a coordinated response with both the Fire and Rescue Service and Rural Fire Service, noting that the Fire and Rescue Service is the primary response service for structural fires.