

Question on Notice

No. 560

Asked on 26 May 2022

MR S BENNETT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to the Rosedale community currently without an ambulance station, leaving residents with a minimum 1.5 hour each time they call for an ambulance—
Will the Minister (a) advise the reasons for not having a permanent ambulance service in the Rosedale community and (b) advise if there are plans to locate an ambulance station in the Rosedale community?

ANSWER

The Rosedale community is located in the Wide Bay District of the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay Region. The community and the surrounding area are supported by ambulance stations at Agnes Water, Bundaberg, Gin Gin and Miriam Vale, which I am advised provide 24 hour coverage, seven days a week. Aeromedical services are also available from Bundaberg when required and appropriate for the patient's condition.

I am further advised, in the 2021-22 financial year, an additional paramedic enhancement was assigned to both Agnes Water and Gin Gin stations.

The QAS continuously monitors workloads across the state to ensure the most appropriate level of service is available for all communities. The QAS will continue to monitor demand and service delivery for all Queensland communities and assign resources as required to ensure delivery of timely, quality and appropriate patient focused ambulance services.