

Question on Notice

No. 304

Asked on 29 March 2023

DR C ROWAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise whether any planning and/or dedicated funding is being considered by the State Government for the construction of an ambulance station at Karana Downs?

ANSWER

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) is committed to the provision of timely, quality and appropriate patient focused ambulance service to the people of Queensland and as such the QAS continuously monitors workload to ensure the most appropriate level of service is provided to all communities.

As ambulances are often dispatched from the location of the vehicle, services are not dependent on, or determined by, the location of the ambulance station. Dynamic deployment is the term used to describe the management and movement of resources to provide coverage to areas experiencing greatest demand, by utilising resources from other areas or stations experiencing a lower demand for service at any particular time. This deployment of resources across the state is coordinated by highly trained emergency medical dispatchers and clinical deployment supervisors using a computer aided dispatch system.

Decisions regarding new or additional ambulance stations are based on regular reviews that look at several factors impacting service delivery including: the type of community (urban, rural, and isolated), the number of incidents per day (demand), age demographic of the community, ingress to and egress from road and air networks, response time profiling, ambulance utilisation rates, risk profiling of the community and available health infrastructure and access to services.

The Queensland Ambulance Service regularly considers service delivery for all Queensland communities to prioritise the allocation of resources.

In the 2022-23 financial year, an additional 10 paramedic positions were allocated to the Pinjarra Hills Ambulance Station, and an additional five paramedic positions were assigned to the Ipswich Ambulance Station.