

Question on Notice

No. 622

Asked on 23 May 2023

MR D LAST ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR WOMEN (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise when the number of permanent staff operating from the Collinsville Ambulance Station will be increased?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring Queenslanders have access to safe, timely, quality, and patient-focused ambulance services, and is committed to supporting the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) to deliver that vision.

Since 2015, we have employed more than 1,100 additional ambulance officers, and are committed to employing 475 more in this term of government.

In addition, one of the core actions of our \$764 million Putting Patients First plan is to strengthen our QAS, including by investing in new ambulance vehicles and more paramedics.

The Collinsville Ambulance Station provides 24-hours coverage seven days a week.

In addition to the ambulance road transport provided by the QAS to the Collinsville response area, aeromedical services are deployed when appropriate, with both Mackay and Townsville having this capability.

The Collinsville community and surrounding areas is also supported by ambulance stations at Bowen and Glenden.

The QAS continuously monitors workload to ensure the most appropriate level of service is provided to all communities. Since the 2018-19 financial year, the demand profile for Collinsville has remained stable and the current level of resourcing is considered appropriate.

The QAS will continue to monitor service delivery considerations for all Queensland communities, as part of its ongoing review, and will prioritise resources as appropriate.

I want to affirm my commitment to ensuring that all Queensland communities have access to the healthcare they need, when they need it and will work with the QAS on this issue.