

Question on Notice
No. 776
Asked on 14 June 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the pending opening of the SQCC—

Will the Minister advise when the Gatton Auxilliary fire station will become a permanent day station?

ANSWER:

I am advised by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) that QFES constantly reviews operational responses, especially in light of changing community profiles caused by population growth and/or new infrastructure. The response matrixes for the Lockyer Valley and surrounding areas have been reviewed by QFES in May 2023 and are reviewed every three months. There are Fire and Rescue Stations (FRSs) located at Gatton, Forest Hill, Laidley and Helidon with further resources being available if necessary.

QFES have advised that they are satisfied the current resourcing in the region is appropriate. However, QFES will continue to actively monitor for any change in circumstances that would necessitate enhanced operational service delivery capability.

In addition, Queensland Corrective Services advise that its facilities have extensive and sophisticated fire suppression systems built into the infrastructure and that commissioning of the new facility will require QFES to participate in the certification process and approve the fire engineered performance solution for the buildings.