

Question on Notice

No. 352

Asked on 21 March 2024

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

QUESTION

With reference to the new ambulance station at Burdell and advice from the Queensland Ambulance Service that in 2018 independent due diligence showed that 'no noticeable or significant traffic impacts to the surrounding network are expected'—Will the Minister confirm what further due diligence has been undertaken since 2018 to identify potential traffic impacts in the surrounding Burdell road network?

ANSWER

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) considered the traffic impacts of the proposal in the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) for this project, however, there were no requirements for further due diligence to be undertaken as part of the MID approval. It was noted that ambulance and staff vehicles are a small proportion of the local road traffic and will not have any noticeable impact on local traffic conditions.

The QAS utilises a dynamic deployment model that enables 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 time. This dynamic deployment model ensures the closest, most appropriate available paramedic crew to emergency incidents, and ambulances are often dispatched from the current location of the vehicle (such as enroute to another location, at a hospital or returning to station), meaning they are not always dispatched from static ambulance station.

The QAS has no jurisdiction and there is no expectation that the QAS has any influence over the local or broader road network. Road network management and enhancements is the responsibility of the relevant council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.