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Minister for Emergency Services

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your correspondence received on 18 February 2008, in relation to a petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No: 997-08, regarding the provision of a full-time ambulance service at Gracemere.

The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) joint facility located at the corner of Fisher and Bland Streets, Gracemere is currently used as an Honorary Ambulance Service only. The last Honorary Ambulance Officer at Gracemere resigned in 2000, and QAS has unfortunately been unsuccessful in its attempts to generate any interest from local residents in filling the role of Honorary Ambulance Officer at Gracemere. Subsequently, the provision of ambulance services to the Gracemere community is provided from the South Rockhampton Ambulance Station.

A review of workload statistics for Gracemere shows that the South Rockhampton Ambulance Station attended 1,211 incidents in the 2005-2006 financial year, 1,116 incidents in the 2006-2007 financial year and 643 incidents in the 2007-2008 financial year to date. Gracemere currently has a workload of approximately 2.73 incidents per day.

The Ministerial Portfolio Statement's key performance indicator is for Code 1 incidents to be attended in less than 10 minutes. Given that the Gracemere community is located in close proximity to the South Rockhampton Ambulance Station and is within the required Code 1 response time, QAS has not proceeded with permanent staffing at Gracemere.

The QAS will continue to monitor the demand for ambulance services at Gracemere.

Should you require any further information, please contact Ms Leanne Linard (Policy Advisor) of my office on telephone number (07) 3247 8015.

Yours sincerely

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