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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 11 August 2005, regarding Petition No. 504-05 that was received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

I attach a Media Release regarding this matter to be tabled in response.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. However, should further information be required, please contact Mr John Harper, Acting Executive Manager, Operational and Asset Strategic Planning, Facilities Management Branch, Business Support Services, on telephone number (07) 3247 8359.

Yours sincerely,

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Tenders for new Atherton Ambulance Station

Tenders for the new Atherton Ambulance Station will be called for as early as next month with construction of a new state-of-the-art facility to begin in 2006.

Emergency Services Minister Pat Purcell last month asked the Department of Emergency Services to review its capital works program with a view to bringing forward the Atherton ambulance station project.

"My Department is currently preparing documentation for the project with tenders expected to be called for the new station by the end of next month," Mr Purcell said.

"A Cairns firm has also been appointed as Project Manager and Principal Design Consultant."

Mr Purcell said once the tendering process is complete and a successful tenderer appointed, he expects construction of the ambulance station to begin immediately.

"The completion of this new state-of-the-art facility will ensure our ambulance service is well placed to meet the current and future needs of the local community in Atherton and surrounding areas," he said.

"This new building will provide paramedics with a facility to base their operations from so they can continue to provide the local community with an already high level of service."

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