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I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2255-14, tabled in Parliament on 7 May 2014, in relation to the permanent placement of an ambulance and paramedic at Rainbow Beach.

I very much appreciate the petitioners taking the time to share with me their concerns about a permanent ambulance presence in Rainbow Beach. One of the key objectives of this Government is frontline service delivery and to build the capacity and capability of communities to prepare for and respond to emergencies.

I am advised by Mr Russell Bowles, Commissioner, Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) that current ambulance service coverage of Rainbow Beach is provided from the Cooloola Coast Ambulance Station. The QAS rents a house at Rainbow Beach to provide a designated service to Rainbow Beach during gazetted holiday periods. The QAS presence in Rainbow Beach is approximately 14 weeks each year including two weeks each Easter, July and September school holidays and eight weeks over the Christmas / New Year period.

Mr Bowles advises that QAS continually monitors workload demands at all locations across the State and upgrades coverage as required to meet existing and anticipated demands. Mr Bowles advises me that the provision of ambulance resources for the Cooloola Coast and Rainbow Beach area is currently under review.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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