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Dear Mr ~~Laurie~~ Neil,

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2427-15, tabled in Parliament on 17 July 2015, in relation to services provided by the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) to Bribie Island, Ningi and surrounding areas.

I am advised by Mr Russell Bowles, Commissioner, QAS, that the Bribie Island and Ningi Ambulance Stations, each have a staff establishment of one Officer in Charge (OIC) and 16 Paramedics who provide ambulance services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from both locations. When paramedic crews are responding to incidents from either Bribie Island or Ningi stations, resources from neighbouring stations may be moved into the area to ensure coverage.

I am further advised that both Bribie Island and Ningi stations each have a fleet consisting of three fully equipped ambulance response vehicles and a four wheel drive response vehicle, which is utilised to access difficult terrain response areas often in adverse weather conditions. This vehicle allocation supports the facilitation of a 24 hour roster and to accommodate scheduled maintenance, servicing and breakdowns.

The QAS utilises a system of dynamic deployment of ambulance resources to provide optimal community coverage to meet anticipated demand for ambulance services at any given time. The QAS Brisbane Operations Centre maintains effective emergency response coverage to Bribie Island and surrounding areas and dispatches resources from the current location of the vehicle and not always from the ambulance station. This ensures the most effective ambulance response is provided to incidents within the Metro North Local Ambulance Service Network (LASN).

I understand Mr Timothy Eva, Director Operations, Metro North LASN, met with the Principal Petitioner, Mr Johnson on 11 June 2015, to discuss his concerns and provide an overview regarding the issues raised. A further meeting took place on 25 June 2015 between Mr Gavin Trembath, Assistant Commissioner, Metro North LASN, Mr Eva and Mr Johnson, where additional discussions took place regarding ambulance response data and resources within the Bribie Island area, along with the QAS's ability to deliver pre-hospital care to the community.

Please be assured the QAS continues to monitor the work load to ensure appropriate ambulance coverage is provided to the community.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Dick', followed by a horizontal line.

CAMERON DICK MP

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