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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie *NEIL,*

I refer to Petition No. 3064-18 lodged with the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 12 February 2019 regarding the provision of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) staffing on North Stradbroke Island (NSI).

I am advised by QFES that in 2011, after significant fire campaigns on NSI, QFES recognised the need to bolster its capability during working hours and to better support and train the auxiliary staff on the Island. To address this need, QFES created a temporary 'over-establishment' Station Officer position which was filled by a relieving senior firefighter acting in the Station Officer (SO) position.

In 2018, QFES recognised the importance of the SO position on NSI and approval was granted for a permanent full-time establishment position. In May 2018, the position was filled by a qualified SO through a standard merit process. There has been no reduction to the after-hours response due to the appointment of a permanent SO on NSI.

QFES continues to provide an integrated service delivery by maintaining a 24/7 response capability through its staff of Auxiliary Firefighters located at Dunwich, Amity Point and Point Lookout Fire and Rescue Stations as well as a Rural Fire Brigade. In 2018, QFES increased its capability on NSI by appointing six additional Auxiliary Firefighters.

I trust this information is helpful to you. Should you wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please contact Mr Peter Clarke, Chief of Staff on telephone (07) 3008 3700.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Craig Crawford MP
Minister for Fire and Emergency Services

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