

King Island Ambulance Station

Mrs BESWICK question to MINISTER for HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

A volunteer ambulance officer from King Island contacted my office stating they were operating a 24/7 roster with volunteers and attend all emergencies with no paramedic backup. They also stated that last month they passed 1000 days in the station without a chair, a table or a desk or proper hand-washing facilities and for most of this time they have had a Portaloo. The station is a shed, it leaks, it is dusty and dirty and rodent infested. When can King Island expect upgrades to their ambulance facilities and is there an intention for there to be a paid qualified medic on the island or possibly for a community-based paramedic program to be implemented there?