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Roster shows up Minister on paramedic numbers

Claims by the Bligh Government the Sunshine Coast had 27 intensive care paramedics have been shown up as nonsense, the LNP said today.

Yesterday in State Parliament Emergency Services Minister Neil Roberts took a 'Dorothy Dixer' question from the Member for Nicklin and proceeded to tell Parliament that no fewer than 27 'intensive care paramedics' were available to serve the region's populace.

But Member for Noosa Glen Elmes today tabled a leaked Queensland Ambulance Service memo and staff roster showing that only eight to 10 were available.

"It's a bit rich for the Minister to try and cover his tracks on this issue," Mr Elmes said.

"He might get away trying to fool Parliament, but this matter has already been raised by worried Sunshine Coast paramedics and indeed by the Queensland Ambulance Service (acting) regional manager who, in an email says because numbers are so low, the services (of ICPs) can not be guaranteed if any more receive promotions.

"Either the QAS regional manager is correct and his roster and email are to be believed, or the Minister is trying to spin his way out of another government management failure.

"Mr Roberts ought to come clean on the real number of intensive care staff and stop trying to hide behind Dorothy Dixer questions in the Parliament from the Member for Nicklin," Mr Elmes said.

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