

**Question on Notice
No. 1811
Asked on 25 November 2008**

MR MCARDLE asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

What is the average waiting time for a person in an emergency department (ED) assessed as needing a hospital bed from time of ED presentation/treatment to admission to a hospital bed, in Queensland's major reporting hospitals for 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

The median waiting time for a person in an emergency department (ED) for 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 is outlined in the table below. As only one quarter of 2008-09 has been collated it has not been provided, as a valid comparison with previous years is not possible. The definition of admission is the process whereby a hospital accepts responsibility for a patient's care and/or treatment. Admission follows a clinical decision based upon specified criteria that a patient requires same-day or overnight care or treatment.

Facility	Median of Length of Stay			
	2004-05 Hrs	2005-06 Hrs	2006-07 Hrs	2007-08 Hrs
Bundaberg Hospital	03:15	03:42	04:07	04:34
Caboolture Hospital	05:23	05:41	06:55	07:33
Cairns Base Hospital	05:21	05:51	06:39	06:58
Caloundra Hospital			05:36	06:17
Gladstone Hospital				03:00
Gold Coast Hospital	06:28	06:48	06:51	07:24
Gympie Hospital			02:55	03:22
Hervey Bay Hospital	03:06	03:38	04:36	05:27
Ipswich Hospital	04:10	04:37	05:06	05:12
Logan Hospital	04:20	04:46	05:05	06:36
Mackay Base Hospital	03:51	04:21	04:33	04:37
Maryborough Hospital			03:05	03:26
Mater Adults Hospital	07:55	09:09	08:14	05:57
Mater Children's Hospital	03:56	04:03	04:36	04:49
Mt Isa Hospital	03:22	03:59	04:03	03:54
Nambour Hospital	05:05	05:03	05:53	07:13
Princess Alexandra Hospital	06:48	07:31	07:30	07:27
Queen Elizabeth II Hospital	05:30	06:31	06:50	06:47
Redcliffe Hospital	04:50	05:42	05:42	05:35
Redland Hospital	04:40	05:03	05:31	06:19
Robina Hospital				06:47
Rockhampton Hospital	02:39	02:49	03:16	05:45
Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital	05:16	05:45	05:54	05:54
Royal Children's Hospital	02:40	02:58	03:04	03:43

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	2004-05 Hrs	2005-06 Hrs	2006-07 Hrs	2007-08 Hrs
The Prince Charles Hospital			04:37	04:37
Townsville Hospital	06:48	07:31	07:30	07:27
Toowoomba Hospital	03:55	04:25	05:13	05:34
Queensland Median	04:48	05:16	05:41	05:57