

Question on Notice
No. 948
Asked on 13 October 2015

MR KNUTH asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON C R DICK)—

With reference to the Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ) rescue helicopter service, relied upon by people living in rural and remote communities like Dalrymple and Mount Isa -

Will the Minister confirm whether Queensland Health utilises the EMQ rescue helicopter on a pay for service basis, and if so, how is the government ensuring patient safety is not being compromised by budget constraints?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Dalrymple for his question.

The Department of Health publishes details of the total number of patients transported by helicopter in its annual report which is publically available at <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/publications/portal/annual-report/annual-report-14-15.pdf>.

There is no user pays arrangement between Queensland Health and Queensland Government Air. Aerial support to State Government agencies provided by Queensland Government Air helicopters is fully funded by the State Government and is managed through the Public Safety Business Agency.