Question on Notice

No. 1195

Asked on 18 September 2018

DR C ROWAN asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide the number of mental health staff across each individual mental health facility in Queensland (in table format, by FTE and listed separately by position description from 2015-16 to 2017-18, and 2018-19 forecast)?

ANSWER

The number of full time equivalent (FTE) mental health positions in Queensland was 6,171 in 2015-16 and 6,363 in 2016-17, an increase of 192 FTE positions.

FTE data for the 2017-18 financial year is currently being collected.

While data is not yet available for 2018-19, the 2018-19 State Government Budget allocated \$26.6 million to support individuals with severe and complex mental illness, through recurrent enhancements to mental health community treatment services.

I am advised that this investment strategy will increase frontline FTE mental health positions within community treatment services by up to 210 FTE across Queensland.

I am advised a breakdown of FTE by position description is impractical to provide.