

Question on Notice

No. 1844

Asked on 26 November 2019

MR A PERRETT asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

With reference to ambulance call outs to Glenwood and surrounding districts—

Will the Minister advise for 2015 to 2018 (reported separately by year) (a) how many ambulances were dispatched to Glenwood and the surrounding districts, (b) how many were dispatched from Gympie, Maryborough, Hervey Bay and other stations reported separately by year, (c) how many fatalities occurred before the ambulance reached the call out and (d) how many fatalities occurred before transportation to a receiving hospital?

ANSWER

For the purposes of providing this response, Glenwood and surrounding districts includes the following areas: Anderleigh, Bauple Forest, Glenwood, Gootchie, Gunalda, Kanigan and Neerdie.

In the four years between 2015 and 2018, 2,088 ambulances were dispatched to 1,871 incidents within Glenwood and surrounding districts. Depending on the severity of an incident, the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) may dispatch multiple ambulances to a single incident. The number of ambulance responses to Glenwood and surrounding districts by year is as follows:

Incident location	2015	2016	2017	2018
Anderleigh	7	7	16	21
Bauple Forest	87	87	104	115
Glenwood	248	282	268	321
Gootchie	15	15	14	17
Gunalda	85	102	101	60
Kanigan	19	14	16	24
Neerdie	11	10	8	14
Total	472	517	527	572

The QAS dispatches the most appropriate ambulance which may already be mobile in the community, at a hospital or from an ambulance station. The breakdown of responses indicates the station the ambulance vehicle was allocated to for the shift, however does not necessarily indicate that the ambulance vehicle responded from that station location at the time of receiving the call. The responses are as follows:

Responses				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
Gympie Station	319	345	349	394
Hervey Bay Station	12	6	6	10
Maryborough Station	76	74	95	90
Other Stations	65	92	77	78

Paramedics have attended 18 incidents within the Glenwood and surrounding districts during the requested timeframe where the patient was confirmed deceased by the paramedic on arrival.

Calendar Year	Identified deceased on arrival	Identified deceased post period of CPR
2015	4	1
2016	6	2
2017	4	1
2018	4	3