

Question on Notice

No. 321

Asked on 26 March 2019

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

QUESTION

With reference to answers to Questions on Notice Nos. 93 and 126 of 2019—

Will the Minister advise what the job description is of the person at the emergency department charged with measuring the patient off stretcher time ‘when the ambulance arrives at the hospital emergency department’?

ANSWER

Upon arrival at the hospital Emergency Department, the paramedic will either activate the ‘at hospital’ button on the Mobile Data Terminal or notify the Emergency Medical Dispatcher via radio, which initiates the time stamp in the Computer Aided Dispatch system.

The electronic Ambulance Report Form on the operational iPad contains a Hospital Handover panel, which is a timestamp box that enables the hospital Emergency Department employee to confirm the agreed time and date when the patient is transferred off stretcher in the care of a clinical nurse.