

Question on Notice

No. 344

Asked on 27 March 2019

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

QUESTION

With reference to news of the transport of recently critical patients from a location close to Nambour hospital directly to Sunshine Coast University Hospital—

Will the Minister advise the current procedural orders for the Queensland Ambulance Service for selecting whether to transport a critical patient to Nambour or Sunshine Coast University Hospital?

ANSWER

I am advised the decision regarding the most appropriate hospital to transport a patient to is based on a range of factors including clinical status, a patient's ongoing or immediate clinical needs along with facility capability and location. All information is considered, and a decision is made based on individual circumstances in the interest of the patient, even though another hospital facility may be closer. This ensures the patient receives the most appropriate care for their circumstances.