

Question on Notice

No. 348

Asked on 27 March 2019

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

QUESTION

With reference to Question on Notice No. 321 of 2019—

Will the Minister describe the equipment used to measure the patient off stretcher time 'when the ambulance arrives at the hospital emergency department'?

ANSWER

On arrival at the hospital Emergency Department, the paramedic will either activate the 'at hospital' button on the Mobile Data Terminal in the ambulance, 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 to an allocated Emergency Department treatment space, in the care of a clinical nurse.