

Question on Notice

No. 427

Asked on 28 March 2019

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

QUESTION

With reference to local concerns that Ingham may lose its maternity service if birthing numbers drop below a certain number—

Will the Minister advise if this is the case, and if so, what will be the number of births required annually to retain these vital services?

ANSWER

Townsville Health and Hospital Service advise me that there are no plans to downgrade Ingham maternity services, and there is no specific number of births below which maternity services are downgraded or ceased.

As independent statutory authorities, each Health and Hospital Service is responsible for determining what services are delivered in each of their facilities.