

Question on Notice

No. 1149

Asked on 12 October 2021

MR S BENNETT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise why Queensland Health permits arriving overseas air pilots and crew to quarantine at home if they live within two hours of Brisbane, but will not permit pilots and crew to do so if they live in regional Queensland but can fulfil all the safety conditions required of Brisbane-based crews?

ANSWER

The conditions outlined in the *Quarantine and COVID-19 Testing for Air Crew Direction* allow Queensland-based air crew engaged by an approved airline, and Australian Defence Force air crew, to quarantine at their home residence subject to specific requirements. This includes the requirement to travel directly from the port of disembarkation to the home residence, for a distance of no more than two hours safe driving, without stopping. These are statewide requirements and are not limited to just Brisbane-based air crew.

Fatigue management requirements limit this driving time to two hours. Air crew who do not have private transport or an endorsed transport provider available to travel from their port of disembarkation to their home residence must enter government-nominated accommodation. Aircrew based in areas beyond this two-hour drive time must also enter government-nominated accommodation rather than travel further than fatigue allows.

Queensland's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan to Unite Families outlines domestic and international travel to Queensland when Queensland reaches 70%, 80% and 90% of the eligible population fully vaccinated. At 90%, fully vaccinated international arrivals will have no restrictions on entry to Queensland and no quarantine required.