

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1159**

**Asked on 12 October 2021**

**MR A PERRETT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister advise the number of staff, including student nurses, at the Gympie Hospital who have either been laid off, redirected to other tasks, or on forced leave, because they haven't met the mandatory vaccination deadlines and (b) how is this shortfall being replaced?

### **ANSWER**

I am advised, as at 1 November 2021, at Gympie Hospital:

- No employees or student nurses have been laid off, forced on leave, or redirected to alternate duties as a result of the mandatory vaccination requirements for staff.
- 17 employees who are not vaccinated have chosen to access their leave entitlements.
- There is no decrease in services for patients because of the requirement for COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Staff absences are replaced with casual, temporary, and part-time employees accepting more shifts.

Queensland Health is currently working with employees to understand and address any concerns they may have regarding vaccination through education, support and an exemption process for those who are unable to be vaccinated.