

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1160**

**Asked on 12 October 2021**

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

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister advise how many operational beds are there in the Gladstone Hospital?

### **ANSWER**

I am advised that due to the complexity of delivering healthcare, available bed numbers across Queensland public hospitals are a dynamic measure as they can flex-up or down according to relative demand across the system.

I am further advised each hospital manages their daily bed or bed alternative availability so that they can meet clinical demand for services. Hospital and Health Services may choose to open beds depending on local service needs. As such, this number is not static and forms part of the complex management of health care service delivery.

As at 30 June 2021, there were 94 beds and bed alternatives at Gladstone Hospital available for admitted patients. This data is preliminary and subject to change.

Source and caveats:

- Sourced from the Queensland Health, Available Beds and Bed Alternatives, Public Acute and Psychiatric Hospitals, Monthly Activity Collection updated 24 September 2021 and extracted 13 October 2021.
  - Available bed and bed alternatives are those available on the last Wednesday of the reference month and are immediately available for use by an admitted patient with nursing and auxiliary staff available to service patients who might occupy them.
  - Data for 2020-21 are preliminary, subject to change.